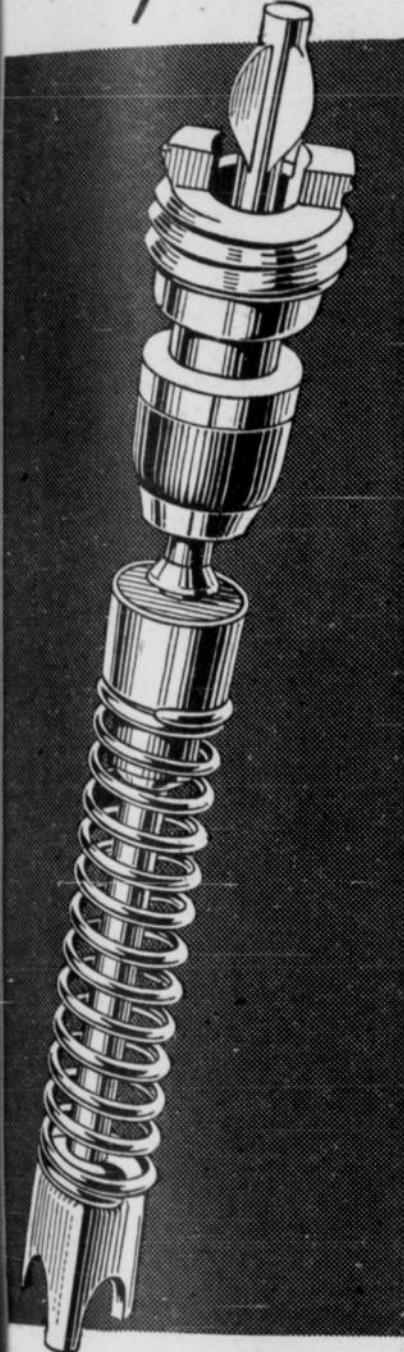


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Startling Changes in Tariffs

Dumping clause invoked with unprecedented frequency

BY means of the anti-dumping clause of the Customs Act, the federal government has made startling changes in the tariffs on fresh fruits and vegetables in the last 14 months.

Prior to the summer of 1926, the anti-dumping clause was invoked but rarely and only in cases of emergency. In the past 14 months, however, the dumping clause has been applied with unprecedented frequency. It has become, apparently, a handy club in the political golf bag. Orders-in-council applying the anti-dumping clause against imports of various fruits and vegetables have been issued at the rate of one a month. The Conservatives issued four such orders in their brief period in office in 1926. The Liberals have issued nine in as many months.

Application for Seasonable Tariff

Several months ago the fruit and vegetable growers of Canada applied, through Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of finance, to the Tariff Advisory Board for a system of seasonal tariffs, instead of the year around protection now afforded by the Customs Act. They desired greatly increased protection during the season that Canadian products were on the market, and, in the months when there was no home produce available, they advocated free trade. The application came before the Tariff Board in due course and is still under advisement.

It now appears that the growers, not satisfied with the slow progress of their application, and fearing that parliament might decline to enact seasonal tariffs even if recommended by the Tariff Board, went to the government and asked for immediate assistance. The government, of course, could not change the Customs Act: only parliament can do that. However, the government could apply anti-dumping duties which, in the net result, amounted to the same thing. A series of anti-dumping clause orders were framed, enlarging upon the orders previously passed by the Meighen government, which gave to the growers the degree of protection sought in their application to the Tariff Board. These orders were issued gradually, commencing in October, 1926, and since then have been maintained during the season when the Canadian produce was on the market. Thus the growers have reaped all the benefit of higher duties while the consuming public has not received any relief by way of free trade during the periods when no Canadian produce is available. In applying the dumping duties, the government did not consult parliament.

How It Works Out

The anti-dumping clause is very potent in checking importation. It provides the machinery for placing artificial values upon imports, for duty purposes. All imports entering Canada have a declared value. The duty, if on a percentage basis, is worked out on this valuation. Under the anti-dumping clause, the Minister of Customs can place any value he pleases upon an imported article. If the declared or real value is lower than the value fixed by the minister, then the anti-dumping duty is applied.

For example, the minister might place a value of \$10 per barrel on apples. The declared value of a shipment of apples when it reached a Canadian customs port, would be, say, \$3.00 per barrel. The declared value is the price which the shipper desires for his product, or, in other words, the wholesale price. Now the duty as provided in the Customs tariff is 90 cents per barrel. This is charged against the imports. However the declared value (\$3.00 per barrel) is less than the fixed value (\$10 per barrel) so that the anti-dumping clause comes into operation. In such circumstances the anti-dumping clause states that an additional duty, not to exceed 15 per cent. of the fixed value, shall be charged, to bring the declared value up to the level of the fixed. In this case the full 15 per cent. would be charged, making an additional tariff charge of \$1.50 per barrel, or a total duty charge of \$2.40 per barrel. Thus by means of the anti-

dumping clause, the tariff would have been increased 250 per cent. This is an extreme example. Rarely is the disparity between the declared and fixed values so great that the full 15 per cent. is required.

Protection Already High

It must be remembered, in considering the actions of the government in the past year, that there is already a fairly high tariff on fruits and vegetables. In some cases it is a percentage of value and the percentage is usually 30 per cent.—an extremely high duty—and in others it is a fixed amount per quantity. Thus the duty on peaches is 1 cent per pound and on apples 90 cents per barrel. On rhubarb, turnips and parsnips it is 30 per cent. of the value. These duties, although they may seem adequate to the consumer, were too low for the growers as the anti-dumping clause orders will show.

The first anti-dumping order on fruit and vegetables was put into effect July 14, 1926. It set up the following values per pound for duty purposes: Tomatoes, 5 cents; cucumbers, 3 cents; celery, 2 cents; onions, 1½ cents; potatoes, 2 cents; asparagus, 10 cents; carrots, 1½ cents; beets, 2 cents; lettuce, 3 cents; spinach, 3 cents; cauliflower, 2½ cents; peaches, 4 cents; and raspberries, 17 cents.

This was before the growers came forward with their proposal for seasonal tariffs. This order, as far as the language was concerned, was permanent. However, the Liberal government, when it took office, was careful to withdraw the anti-dumping duties as soon as the Canadian produce had been marketed. Thus the anti-dumping duty on tomatoes, cucumbers, asparagus, lettuce, spinach, cauliflower, peaches and raspberries was removed on October 5, 1926. The special duty on celery, carrots and beets was taken off on December 18, 1926, and onions were similarly treated on February 8, 1927. The duty was left on potatoes for the full year.

Less than one week after the application for the first order, the Meighen government issued the second (July 20, 1926). This order fixed values per pound for duty purposes as follows: Plums and prunes, 3 cents; pears, fancy, 3½ cents; pears, choice, 2½ cents; canteloupes, 5 cents. The Liberal government repealed the special duty on plums, prunes and canteloupes on October 5, 1926, and on pears, December 18, 1926.

Apples Attracted Attention

Apples now attracted the attention of the Conservative government, and on September 2 an anti-dumping order was issued fixing values per standard boxes for duty purposes as follows: Extra fancy, medium and large, \$1.80; extra fancy, in smaller sizes, and fancy, medium and large, \$1.50; fancy in small sizes, \$1.25; combination fancy and C grade, \$1.35; orchard run, \$1.45; unwrapped jumble pack, \$1.20; small fancy and C grade in bushel baskets, \$1.20. For standard barrels, the following values were fixed: No. 1, \$4.50; No. 2, \$3.75; domestic, \$3.50; No. 3, \$2.75.

These special duties on apples were maintained until February 23, 1927, when the Customs department announced, in withdrawing them, that the 1926 Canadian apple crop had been sold and the home product was no longer available in sufficient quantity to satisfy the demand.

The next product to receive additional protection was beans. The Liberal government on October 4, 1926, issued an anti-dumping order, fixing the following values per pound, for duty purposes: Hand picked, 3½ cents; choice prime, 3½ cents; prime, 3 cents. This order is still in force.

Numerous orders were issued in the next eight months modifying previous orders, but no new ground was broken until June 1, 1927. Meantime the campaign for seasonal tariffs had been fully developed. Most of the 1926 orders, as has been stated, had been rescinded.

There now appeared a new set of orders, reviving the anti-dumping duties.

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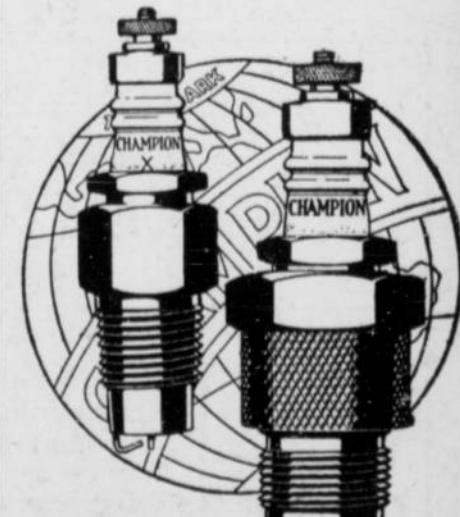
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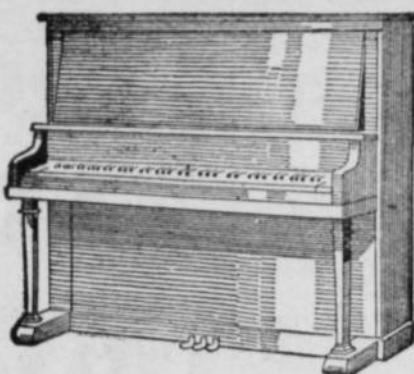
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	Cents	
Asparagus	.10	April 15 to June 30.
Lettuce	.03	All year.
Strawberries	.10	June 1 to July 31.
The second order appeared June 14, fixing values per pound and other details, as follows:		
Onions	.01½	All year.
Cucumbers	.03	June 1 to September 30.
Spinach	.03	May 1 to June 30.
Radishes	.05	May 1 to July 31.
Cherries	.06	June 10 to August 31.
Raspberries	.17	June 15 to July 31.
Beans (green)	.04	June 15 to September 30.
Rhubarb	.02½	March 1 to May 31.

The period in which the duties were to apply, it will be observed, in several cases commenced long before the issuance of the order. These duties, of course, cannot be made retroactive. The explanation appears to be that in future the government will apply anti-dumping duties for the seasons set out. This year the system was not perfected in time.

It will be noted that in 1926 only potatoes were protected by special duty for the full year. In 1927, however, onions and lettuce are also given full year protection. In the case of lettuce, it is, no doubt, an effort to aid the hot house growers of Canada.

In all this it may be difficult for the average citizen to discover how much the tariff on these fruits and vegetables actually has been and is being increased. The following table gives the chief factors from which the increase in protection may be figured. The average wholesale price, as shown in the table, is only an estimate, but it has been made carefully and with the aid of government statistics. The manner in which the anti-dumping duty operates must be kept in mind. If there were no anti-dumping duty, the tariff would be charged on the value declared by the shipper in the foreign country. Since this is the price which the Canadian importer pays, it may be taken, roughly, as the wholesale price, shown in the table. When the anti-dumping valuations are fixed, however, the tariff duties are applied thereon, as well as an additional duty which might amount to, but not exceed, 15 per cent. After all, the real object of the anti-dumping duty is to raise the price of imports to the level of the value fixed by the minister. It may be presumed that if this is accomplished importation will virtually cease.

How It Figures Out

Article	Average Wholesale Price	Price Fixed by Minister in Anti-Dumping Order	Present Tariff Duty
Tomatoes	Cents	Cents	Cents
Cucumbers	1	3	1½
Cabbage	1½	1¼	3-7
Celery	1	2	3-5
Onions	1½	1¾	3-5
Potatoes	1 1-3	2	1-8
Asparagus	8	10	30%
Carrots	1½	1½	½
Beets	1½	2	3-5
Lettuce	2½	3	1
Spinach	2½	3	1
Cauliflower	3	2½	7-10
Beans	...	3½	30%
Beans (green)	...	4	30%
Rhubarb	2½	2½	30%
Peaches	4	4	1
Raspberries	12	17	2
Plums and Prunes	2½	3	1
Pears	2½	3	½
Cantaloupes	4	5	3
Strawberries	9	10	2
Cherries	6	6	2
Apples per bbl. (No. 1)	\$4.25	\$4.50	90 bbl.

All figures are per pound except otherwise stated

Careful examination of this table will show that the degree of protection in many cases has been enormously increased.

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Three Irrigation Farmers

*Typical examples of those who are making a success of it—*Irrigation spells security**

By R. D. COLQUETTE

viewed, three are selected for the purpose of this article, not because they are the only or even the most successful, but because they struck me as typical of the more successful irrigationists in the Lethbridge district; working under conditions in which their experience should be of the most benefit to the majority who are going in for irrigation farming. A description of their farming methods should also interest many Guide readers outside the irrigation country but who should be interested in the problems confronting their brother farmers who are pioneering again, this time in a new type of farming, a type which calls for a high degree of resourcefulness and intelligence.

One of these was S. E. Tiffin, near Lethbridge. Mr. Tiffin is a dairy farmer supplying whole milk to Lethbridge. He keeps from 35 to 40 cows, and aims to have 36 cows milking all the time.

"Irrigation is the salvation of this country," said Mr. Tiffin. "Dry farming is too precarious and lots of the men who tried it are gone. In my opinion this country would not amount to much without irrigation. But irrigation water is not an easy thing to handle. There are some men who will never learn how to spread it."

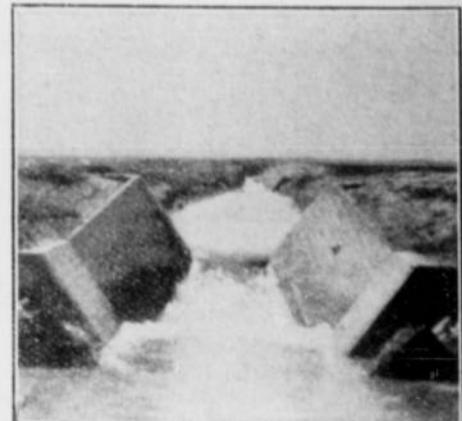
Alfalfa the Mainstay

Mr. Tiffin should know whereof he speaks for he farms a considerable area of non-irrigated land in addition to the 160 acres which he has under water. On the irrigated land alfalfa is the mainstay though he also is irrigating some

timothy. The alfalfa is irrigated two or three weeks before each cutting to get the next cutting away to a good start. This practice of course has to be varied according to the season. Last year when the season was hot and dry, the hay and pasture stood still until it got the water. This spring it rained incessantly. He never had alfalfa kill out except one year when after an exceptionally early and severe winter he had to plow it up. He has some timothy sod under pasture that has been down six or seven years but as yet it is not badly sod bound.

Useful Ensilage Mixtures

Next to alfalfa, ensilage is the most important feed grown on the Tiffin farm. The aim is to feed ensilage the year round and even in summer the cows receive a shovelful of it at each end of the day. Sunflowers, corn and green oats are the ensilage crops used. Row crops are not always irrigated on land that has been well watered the year before. Corn has its good and poor seasons, but sunflowers can generally be relied upon to give the tonnage. The aim is to have them well mixed in the silo. The seed is not mixed when sown as it has been found that the sunflowers would choke out the corn. Even when sown in alternate rows, there is a tendency for smothering to occur. If they are sown independently it is somewhat difficult to get them properly mixed in the silo. The plan that has proved the most satisfactory is to sow two rows of corn and two rows of sunflowers. Sown thus they are always properly mixed as they



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come to the cutter. Both crops are sown with an ordinary drill with four holes left open, which leaves the rows from 30 to 36 inches apart. Northwestern Dent corn and Manchurian sunflowers are the varieties favored. Last year 15 acres of corn and sunflowers and 20 acres of oats were sown and while the corn binder was on the corn and sunflowers the grain binder was cutting the oats. The stuff went into the silo at the rate of four loads of the mixture to one load of green oats and the results were very satisfactory. This year, owing to the late, wet spring, neither sunflowers nor corn could be sown in time, and Mr. Tiffin was depending on a mixture of oats and barley in which the barley was in the proportion of one-quarter to one-third.

Wheat on Dry Land

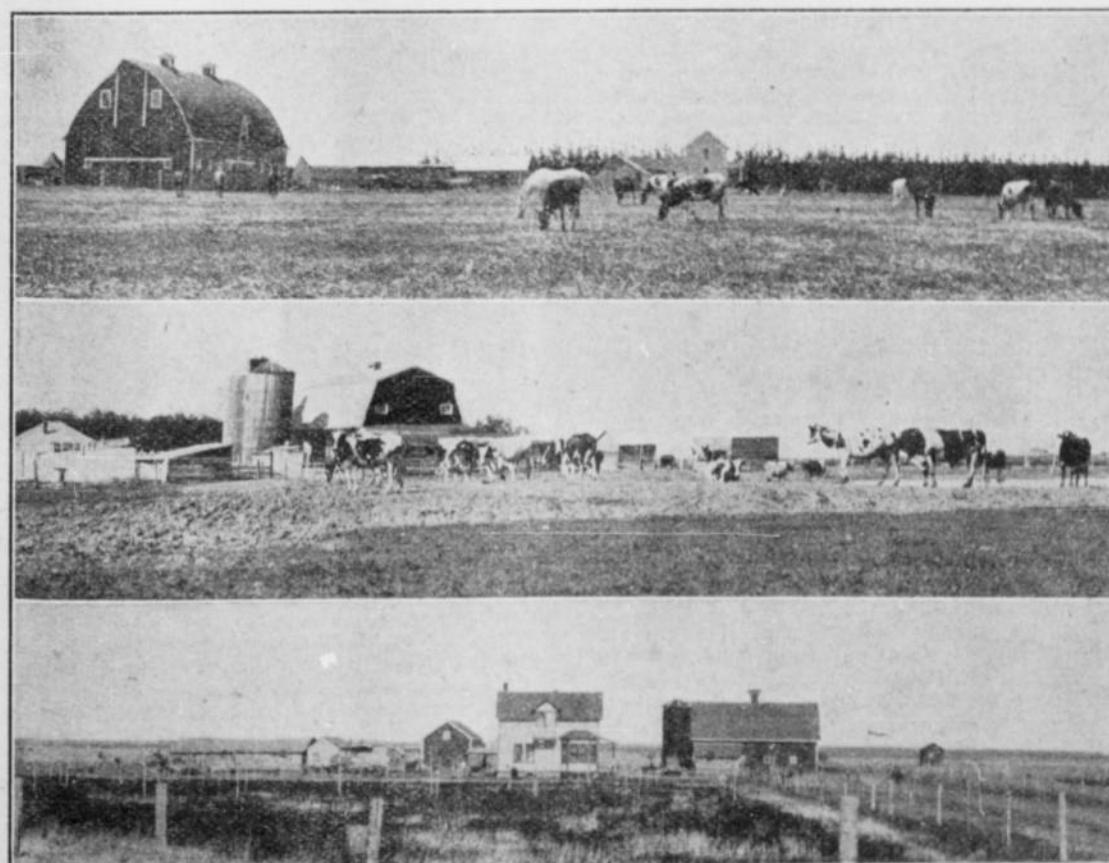
About 450 acres of non-irrigated land is included in the farm and the wheat is grown on this part of the enterprise. Mr. Tiffin is of the opinion that sweet clover will have to be grown to some extent on dry land to keep the fertility up and to provide fibre for the prevention of drifting.

As an extensive dairy farmer, Mr. Tiffin has had wide experience in the feeding of dairy cows, but this will have to be left for another article.

H. W. Oliver is located on the Lethbridge Northern project, about four miles from Iron Springs. He came from Ontario many years ago and started in dry farming in 1911, moving on to the farm in 1915. Prior to that time he had hired the work done. His experience in dry farming, however, was not very satisfactory. In 1920 he had 320 acres of summerfallow wheat blown out and in that and the previous year lost \$6,000 in feed and seed. He knows what it is to draw straw all the way from Nobleford and pay \$5.00 a ton for it.

"I used the first water in the fall of 1923, though I would have had a fair crop without it," said Mr. Oliver. "Bringing irrigation to the land has made all the difference in the world. Prior to that we would have a good harvest some years and other years we would not make expenses, but now we feel secure and safe. If irrigation hadn't come, a lot of us would have been away before this. Now the schools are filling up and we have

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Evidence of security and permanency on the Irrigation Projects around Lethbridge.

Upper—The farm home of H. W. Oliver on the Lethbridge Northern. Middle—The buildings and herd of S. E. Tiffin, who engages extensively in dairy farming. Lower—The farm layout of T. H. Wright, also on the Lethbridge Northern.

Knee deep in Irrigated Alfalfa
on the farm of H. W. Oliver, Lethbridge
Northern Project.

EARLY in June I spent several days in the country around Lethbridge. Most of the time was put in on the irrigation projects. Part of it, however, was spent in dry farming sections; some of them in the path of irrigation and waiting for the water, others beyond the reach of irrigation ditches.

Even in the driest sections you will find strong going farmers. They are getting along as well as the average farmer anywhere in the country, and have a deep-rooted conviction that the southwest has not been getting a square deal in the matter of publicity. "You newspapermen have given this country such a black eye that a landseeker never gets off the train between Swift Current and Lethbridge," one of them said to me.

The reason why some of these men are doing so well where some have failed is because they are exceptional men. They may not have any better land than some of those who have been forced to throw up the sponge; they may have started out with no better equipment, nor as good as many who have gone, but the fact remains that they are still there and rather puzzled why so many have been unable to continue in the race. Men differ in adaptability. Some will thrive under the most adverse conditions found anywhere in this country; though that is no reason for refusing to acknowledge natural handicaps where they exist.

"You men who have stuck and made good should take a little more credit to yourself," I replied to my critical friend's remark.

But the purpose of this article is to describe the farming methods of irrigation farmers. The foregoing remarks are injected into the story for the purpose of making it clear that anything said here is no reflection on the dry farming belt of the southwest or any other section. Some day that whole country will sustain as prosperous a set of farmers as any other part of Western Canada. But in the new order of things; the new types of farming that will be developed, irrigation will form the central core. Irrigation farming will be the great stabilizing and ensuring force; the backbone of the whole southwest.

Of several irrigation farmers who were visited and inter-

GREAT grief!" ejaculated Aunt Harriet Hersey, stopping short just inside the screen door.

"Nina Bleason, what you doing on Fair Day? You know what time 'tis?" There was anxiety and a growing apprehension in her accusing eye.

Her niece, Nina Bleason, apathetically mopping the kitchen floor, turned a despondent face. "Come in, Aunt Harry. You got an early start, didn't you? The children saw you coming. They're in the chip yard. Lissy's been crying and taking on all morning. I'd have let you know if I could, but—we can't go to the Fair!"

"Who's sick? What's happened?" Aunt Harriet's plump countenance expressed the concern within her. "You don't mean that Rufe is laid up, do you, Nina?"

"No." Mrs. Bleason shook her head forlornly. "He's gone to town with a load of calves. Baker's shipping today. Rufe won't be back till late in the afternoon."

"Well, what that's got to do with your driving over to Hanover with me?" demanded Aunt Harriet. "You're not going to help ship, are you?"

Nina Bleason smiled wanly. "Rufus is terribly set on not leaving the place alone—he says it's not safe shut up. Then somebody had to do the noon chores, so he said I couldn't go."

"You mean to tell me," demanded Aunt Harriet indignantly, plumping down in the kitchen rocker, "that for just a notion you gave right up and would let the children miss the treat they've been looking forward to all summer, to say nothing of our trip? Now you listen to me. You're not going to do any such foolishness. Rufus is a good man—I'm not saying a word against his principles—but he's growing to be a dreadful domineering one, and it's partly your fault. If you don't stand up for your rights, why, I don't know as you ought to have any! But with the children it's different. You go and change your dress this minute. I'll bring Guy and Lissy right in—bless their disappointed little hearts!"

"How I wish I dared!" Mrs. Bleason began fumbling tremulously with her apron strings. "I believe I will! It isn't right for the children never to have any fun, and I've just been setting on seeing folks. I had a good cry after Rufus drove off this morning because we had to give it up."

"Well, you're not going to," Aunt Harriet was decisive. "You get ready. I'll see to the outdoor feeding of things and to the children. Be spry, now!"

When good Aunt Harriet had risen like the sun on the gloom of the chip-yard, had answered eager questions and caresses, scrubbed tear-stained little faces at the kitchen sink, and followed dancing feet to the bedroom where lay spread out the "new pink dress made of mama's old one", she found Nina standing forlornly beside the bureau counting over the few coins in a shabby purse.

"I guess I'll stay outside in the carriage while you show the children around," hesitated Mrs. Bleason, her cheeks reddening like a girl's under the older woman's kindly scrutiny. "I didn't get as much for that last batch of blackberries as I expected; the rain softened them some. I can't go in, I haven't the money."

"My soul!" Firm resolution marked Aunt Harriet for its own. "You've been married eight years, Nina, and in all that time I've never spoken my mind, not being one of the interfering kind. Now I see a plain duty before me. It's time things were evened up a little more in this family. You've worked and scrimped and saved so that Rufus could put money in the bank. Now bank money is a good thing to have, but it isn't everything. You have no clothes, nor pin money, no outings and nothing—scarcely. Isn't that so?"

"I don't know but it is," admitted Mrs. Bleason, tears dropping forlornly into the shabby purse.

"Now don't you cry, that does no good," more kindly. "You brace up and have some spunk! If you don't turn square around and let Rufus know that you have rights of your own, he'll soon be so set 'twill do you no good to

and the contrast appalled his selfish soul.

"Lord, I can't lose her—I couldn't live—" he choked. "I never realized—I haven't treated her right; but O Lord, don't lay it up against me now! I'll be different—I'll do anything! Only give me a chance—don't let it be too late! Only let—"

The telephone bell rang again, insistently.

"Rufe, you listening?" the words tumbled over each other in the speaker's excitement. "I just got old Doe Gary on the wire. Don't you worry a mite. You hear? They got it wrong—it wasn't your wife—same name. 'Twas that young Mrs. Dave Bleason that lives at Hanover. Lucky—"

No more of the message was distinguishable, for the receiver fell the length of its cord and broke against the wall. With an inarticulate cry of thanksgiving and relief, Rufus knelt down beside his wife's little old rocking-chair and buried his face in the patchwork cushion.

An hour afterward, Nina Bleason, secretly apprehensive as to the outcome of this afternoon of freedom, but as pleasurable excited as the little daughter clinging to her hand, caught sight of her husband. He was elbowing a hasty path through the crowd that filled Floral Hall toward her.

Nina Bleason's flushed face went white.

"Having a good time, Nina?" queried Rufus eagerly, as he reached her side. "I got home earlier than I expected and took a notion to come over and see how you folks liked the Fair."

"We—you've—" stammered his wife, incoherent from sheer amazement.

Rufus did not seem to notice. "Hello, Aunt Hepsy," he called genially. "Glad you persuaded Nina to have a little outing. I didn't think she'd object to having me along to settle the bill, for wife was never any hand to borrow, even off relations."

Aunt Harriet Hersey gasped once; but she came of sturdy Scotch ancestry and during a half century of life's shocks and surprises had mastered her emotions.

"That's right, Nephew!" she patted his shoulder and glowed benevolently if shrewdly at him through her spectacles. "That's right! You let Nina rest a little. We can't spare the time," and the wise woman, with a child dancing on either side, marched away with the jostling crowd.

"Oh, Rufe," faltered the dumbfounded Nina, as her husband seated her on a bench by a refreshment counter. "I thought you'd be angry with me for coming, but I—"

"I guess you've a right to go wherever you want," Rufus blurted out. "I was thinking, as I came along, that you didn't have fun enough. You've worked too hard and stayed home too close. Baker was showing me a little Ford car he'd taken in a trade. What do you say that I get it? Then we could slip into town to the movies occasionally or take a little drive after supper mighty easy."

"Rufe, you don't mean it!" Incredulity, wonder, and a dawning joy brought back the look of the girl Nina.

Rufus laughed in sheer enjoyment of the effect of his surprise.

"You're the best husband!" choked Nina, "and I don't deserve it, either. I was real impatient this morning," contritely, "and I borrowed money when I knew you—"

"You'll never have to again," Rufus declared, his honest face flushing. "Half the butter money is going to be yours hereafter, to do with just as you want. I made up my mind to that this afternoon, and nothing is going to change it. Now let's go and have a good time with the children. We'll make it a real holiday, Nina, with all the fixings; and it won't be the last holiday we'll take together, either."

The happy and bewildered wife was but a little more dazed to hear her husband vow solemnly, as he drew her arm within his,

"There'll be no going back on his word for Rufus Bleason. He was given his chance, thank the Lord!"



Aunt Harriet found Nina standing forlornly beside the bureau counting over a few coins in her purse.

Bleason's Awakening

By AGNES BARDEN DUSTIN

turn. Now you write a note to Rufus and tell him I let you have the money and that we're going to the Fair. Hand me over Lissy's dress, and for land's sake, hurry! It's almost noon now and we don't want to miss a thing. I've got a picnic dinner in my wagon."

A half hour after his wife had left the farm, Rufus Bleason's heavy cart rattled into the yard. From habit he pulled up the grey span with a shouted "Hello!" Nina had never refused a cheerful response in all the years of their married life. This day the door framed no welcoming wife and the absence of life about the house puzzled him. While unharnessing he kept glancing toward the kitchen window.

"She's out in the garden, or maybe berrying again with the children," he reassured his uneasy thought. Reckon she's pretty well down in the mouth, having to give up the Fair. But women and children belong at home, not gallivanting off spending money foolishly."

The locked door was an unpleasant surprise. With awkward fingers Rufus fumbled behind the flower-pots on the window ledge for the key. The kitchen was orderly, cool and vacant. On the table was set out a cold dinner of corned beef, vegetables and pie, covered with a neat, white cloth.

While hanging his hat on the nail behind the stove Rufus discovered the note, pinned conspicuously to his overalls, and hastily perused it. For a dazed minute his domestic world seemed tottering to wreck and ruin. Nina had for the first time gone contrary to his expressed desires. Automatically he donned his overalls and frock, mechanically lit the fire and set the tea, ready to his hand, to steep. All the while he was eating, anger grew in his affronted and bewildered soul.

"It's come to a likely pass when a man has to come home to a deserted house and get his own dinner," he indignantly snorted at the vacant chair opposite. "That blamed aunt of hers put her up to this. Plague take all relations, I say! I'll speak my mind to her! And Nina borrowing money, to waste! She'll find it won't be so easy to pay it back. I don't calculate to be

no Eben Hersey, at his wife's beck and call. He's too easy. When Nina comes home I'll give her to understand once for all—"

The telephone bell, ringing his number for the second time, interrupted Rufus' angry soliloquy and brought him hurriedly to his feet.

"What the dickens!" Jerking down the receiver he applied his ear with an irate "Hello, there!"

"That you Rufe?" came in curious ly repressed tones of excitement over the wire. "This is Baker. Just heard there had been a smash-up in Hanover, by the Fair grounds. Your wife drove over with Mrs. Hersey, didn't she? Mary saw them go by."

"Yes. What's happened?" Rufus' tone was sharp with sudden apprehension.

"You got to know, Mary says. We heard your wife was hurt—bad. An automobile ran into the wagon and smashed it to flinders."

"Hurt! Good God! Nina ain't hurt?" groaned Rufus. The noon sunshine turned to blackness over his head. "She's not—" his stiff lips refused to frame his fear.

"No, she's not dead—not yet. Mary and I are coming over, Rufe. Maybe there's something we can do. They're bringing—"

But the receiver had slipped from Rufus' shaking hand. In a daze he reached for it and carefully hung it on the hook. Nina had once laughed at him because he had forgotten and left it standing on a chair. Vaguely he looked about the cheerful, but strangely unfamiliar, kitchen. The cat was purring on the braided rug before the cushioned rocker. Behind the door hung the old grey sweater Nina often slipped on when she fed the chickens. Its shabby outlines pierced his heart sharply. "They are coming"—he could almost hear the tramp of feet—"They are coming to bring Nina home."

"Lord, I can't bear it—I can't!" he groaned. Memories of his wife's virtues, of her tenderness, her patience, her ever ready helpfulness were pressing in on his brain. His late anger looked like some monstrous thing—unbelievable. Conscience pictured the return he had made for the years of her devotion,

The Trappist Fathers of Oka



Looking north toward the Laurentian Hills from the roof of the monastery—the farm buildings.

To the Westerner who doesn't realize what a diversity of people we Canadians are my admonition is, "Visit Oka!" There, in a sheltered nook where the forbidding Laurentians dip their feet in the waters of the Ottawa, a little community of monks clad in mediaeval vestments give their lives to prayer and to farm husbandry, much as their great leader St. Bernard did in Burgundy 800 years ago.

Eastward from Oka the glare of Canada's largest city reddens the evening sky, a scarlet reminder to the cloistered inhabitants of the worldly pleasures they have foresworn, but no breath of the city's contaminating activity penetrates to their rustic seclusion. No railway connects Oka with this nearby heart of Canada's commerce. A dozen miles of sleepy habitant farms guard it from the encroaching summer resorts on the Isle Jesu, outposts of Montreal's suburban area. The world which the monk of La Trappe knows, bounded by the horizon he sees from his window, is nearly as changeless as the faith he treasures in his heart.

The visitor to the monastery, if he is wise, goes by boat—a shabby little paddle wheeler which leaves Montreal

Trappist monks at the monastery of Our Lady of the Lake of Two Mountains conduct the Oka Agricultural Institute which serves as the agricultural college for French-speaking Canada

By P. M. ABEL

His first unpleasant surprise comes when he asks the driver of the motor bus for information about getting to the monastery of La Trappe, some three miles out of town. To his question in English he will get the curt command, "Parlez Francais!" If there are a few villagers in earshot the bus driver will probably turn his back on you in disdain in order to demonstrate that although they know him to be a man of the world who speaks English, they shall see that not through him will foreign speech gain currency in the land of the Canadien.

After a few halting sentences: "I am very well today," "Pass the meat, please," "My brother is in the kitchen," the visitor stumbles on the right sentence in the French guide book, the bus driver contemptuously points with his thumb over his shoulder to the front

of consideration about half way between what was accorded to the village grandmother and to the cowering "Anglais" on the driver's seat. In God's good time the bus gets under way.

Ten minutes up and down tremendous hillsides brings you to the monastery at whose wicket you ask for Father Leopold, for it is his name which the agricultural student associates with the name of La Trappe. The abbot, Dom Paome Gaboury, is the religious head of the whole establishment, but Father Leopold is the principal of the agricultural college or institute, conducted by the Trappists.

Faith and Works

The chances are ten to one that Father Leopold is off in the bush where the monks are cutting maple trees which will be made into furniture, or he is concerned in the digging of a ditch, or making hay. And that gives you your first clue as to the mode of life of these religieux.

The Trappist order sprang from a reformation set on foot in the days when the Norman Kings were subjugating the Anglo-Saxons in their British dominions. Laxity had crept into the Benedictine monasteries of that time. The monastic fields were cultivated by serfs. Ease and luxuriance had become the rule within the cloisters. All this was changed by St. Robert of Molesme and his successors, who issued a stern challenge to their fellow monks to return to the ways of simplicity and salvation. From thenceforth the monks themselves should till their own fields. From thenceforth theirs was to be a

life of silence and penance and prayer.

For over eight centuries, the tradition of St. Robert, St. Alberic and St. Bernard has had unbroken observance. The Trappist monk rises for prayers at two o'clock—half-past one on holy days—and from then on at fixed hours he busies himself in devotional exercises, closing his long and arduous day with the chanting of the "Salve Regina". Never once does he know the luxury of personal liberty nor one small moment of privacy. A common dining-room, a common chapel, work done in common; even in sleep he lies down fully dressed on a straw mattress on the floor of the great dormitory, separated from his 130 comrades only by the bend of the alcove round his head.

His is also a life of silence. Under certain necessary circumstances the monk is permitted to speak, but the occasions that call for conversation fall almost wholly within working hours. In this respect the monk who is employed as a teacher in the agricultural college enjoys a most exceptional license. The rule of the dormitory is absolute silence.

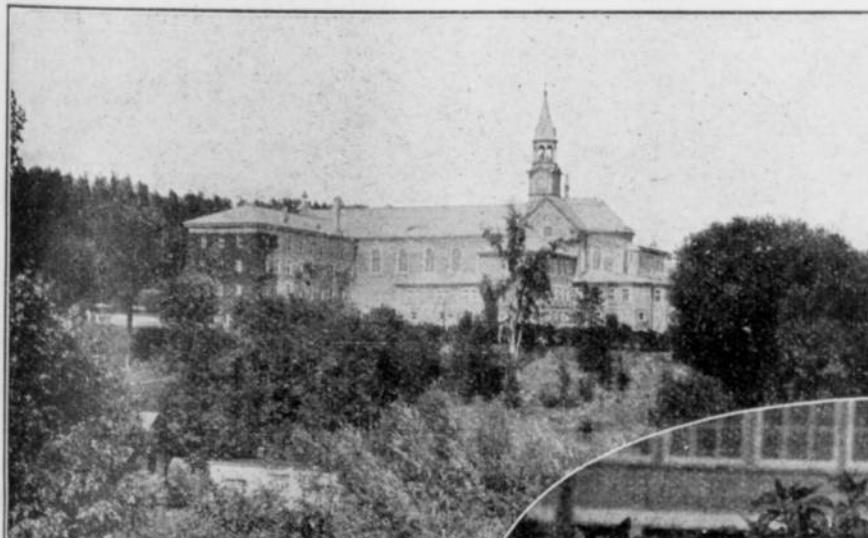
Teachers by Tradition

But above all the Trappist monk is a worker. In mediaeval times, when social prestige was determined in inverse ratio to the amount of manual work a man accomplished, the example of the Trappists did a tremendous good in enabling labor. Everyone works. There are no shirkers. The monk looks upon a day's work well done, no less than his prayers, as one means by which he can atone for his own sins and those of the world.

This feature of the Trappist organization gives it a vitality that transcends the power of religious bodies which must subsist on charity. When fighting and praying were the only honorable occupations of feudal Europe, these farmer monks preserved and added to agricultural knowledge. The farms connected with their establishments became models for the landholders of their time. It was only natural that they should attract to themselves farmers' sons anxious to improve on parental teaching.

It was inevitable that the monastery of Our Lady of the Lake of Two

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The monastery itself as seen from the east.

in the morning to toil upstream with the seemly decorum of a pilgrim, through the Lachine Canal, skirting the edge of Lake St. Louis, and across the Lake of Two Mountains to Oka, and then after a spell, like a pilgrim to whom absolution has been granted, rushing boisterously home on the current, not through the sheltered channel of the morning trip, but over the rapids of Lachine.

From the gang plank at Oka the visitor steps into an avenue that climbs gently upward under a canopy of elms. At the first crossroads he stands in the centre of a Canadian village—but oh so different from the corrugated-iron splendor of a prairie town! No make-believe store fronts; no dusty corners piled high with wind-blown weeds; but everywhere the cheerfulness of bright paint and the restfulness of shade.



A new breed of poultry, the Chanticleer, originated at Oka to cope with Canadian conditions.

A group of monks hoeing in the garden. The vow of a Cistercian consecrates him to a life of labor.

seat where he can keep an eye on you, and resumes his occupation as news bringer to the gathering villagers.

Perhaps a very old woman of Oka is going to a neighboring parish for a visit, and for such an important event the cure has come down to see her off. Perhaps Madame Chaussepied has a crate of eggs to send to her sister in Ste. Eustache. The eggs get a measure



The Best Market for Coarse Grains

Give the fall pig a couple of bushels of grain and he will give you back the price of three bushels and then some. That's how the record reads at the University of Alberta says Prof. R. D. Sinclair

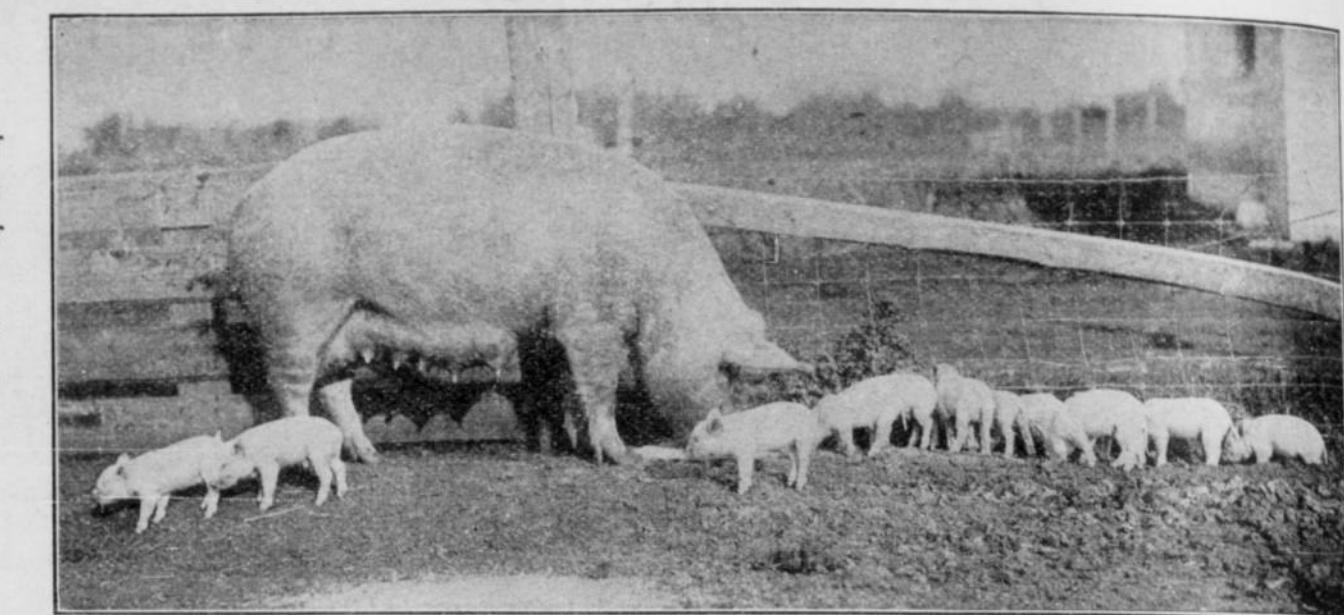
IN the minds of a great many the fall pig is a doubtful proposition from the economic point of view. It is argued that with his higher cost of shelter, a longer feeding period, and a higher feed bill as compared with his spring farrowed relative, he cannot return a dividend on the labor and feed investment. In reality the fall pig, when given a fair chance, is in a class by himself as a grain marketing agency and will secure a higher market price for coarse grains than any grain marketing scheme yet discovered. This statement is made on the strength of experimental results secured at the University of Alberta, where fall pigs have been fed during the past seven winters.

Raise Barley Values 73 Per Cent.

During the winters from 1921-27, inclusive, the average prices at which oats and barley were charged to fall pigs were 41 cents per bushel for oats and 55 cents per bushel for barley. The prices charged during the various winters were considered fair grain market prices for these grains, with the cost of grinding added. Based on the value of the hogs when sold on the spring market, the actual returns secured, labor not included, were 67 cents per bushel for oats and 95 cents per bushel for barley. The fall pigs were responsible for increasing the value of oats by 60 per cent and the value of barley by 73 per cent. The following table shows the prices at which grains were charged to the pigs during the various winters, and the return secured by disposing of them through the fall pig route.

	Oats	Barley		
Grain market value	Hog market value	Grain market value	Hog market value	
1921-22 .....	.27	.75	.35	1.06
1922-23 .....	.52	.58	.66	.82
1923-24 .....	.34	.48	.50	.67
1924-25 .....	.50	.80	.75	1.12
1925-26 .....	.34	.78	.48	1.10
1926-27 .....	.48	.65	.56	.92
6-year average ..	.41	.67	.55	.95
				10.00
				9.83

It is interesting to note that only once in the six years was there a



A Fall litter of 13 ready to start marketing grain.

narrow margin between the actual grain market value and the hog market value of oats and barley. This was during the winter of 1922-23 when grain was high and the hog market relatively low. The following winter, with grains low in price and hogs selling at the low point of \$6.00 per cwt., there was a substantial return from feeding the grains to fall pigs. The table indicates that when the hog market is over ten cents when fall pigs are marketed, the oats and barley fed will have approximate values of 75 cents and \$1.00 per bushel, respectively.

The man who argues that fall pigs are more of a liability than an asset will ask: "How were these pigs fed and managed so that they were able to make this return on the feed consumed?" The answer embraces fairly early farrowing, cheap but dry and draft-free shelters, and due attention to proper protein and mineral supplements.

A Primary Consideration

The majority of these pigs were farrowed by the middle of September, and thus were weaned and over the most critical period of their existence before the real cold weather commenced. The fall pig that can take advantage of the long September and October days of sunshine, with their invigorating influence, is in a much better position to go about this grain marketing business than the one farrowed late in the season and which has not passed the weanling stage before the mercury begins to go down in the thermometer. Snow baths have been productive of results in the experience of physical culture enthusiasts, but sun and dust baths are better for the young grunter.

During the winter feeding period, the pigs were sheltered in small 6-feet by 8-feet gable type colony houses 4 feet in height to the eaves. These colony houses are cheap and are in use all the

year round. When banked to the eaves with straw, and with a heavy sack hung over the door for added protection, they make a very satisfactory shelter for fall pigs. It is needless to say that bedding was changed frequently in these houses. The colony house, or small straw crate type of house, has several advantages over the larger and more pretentious type of swine barn, principal among them being freedom from excessive overhead space and an absence of drafts which are commonly found in the larger shelters.

In an experiment conducted at the University of Alberta during the winter of 1923-24, it was found that pigs on similar rations made more rapid and economical gains when housed in colony houses than when sheltered and fed in the main swine barn, and, in addition, the colony house pigs were less subject to colds and stiffness. When one considers that even roughly constructed straw stack shelters will give fall pigs the necessary winter shelter, a heavy overhead need not be charged against them in the matter of buildings.

A good deal of attention has to be given to the question of suitable feed combinations if fall pigs are to market grains at the prices indicated in the opening part of this discussion. The pig that becomes unthrifty, due to a setback at weaning time or a poorly balanced ration, later on in his history may prove a poor business partner.

Give Fall Pig Even Break

At this stage it is well to bear in mind that green feed and pasture crops are not available to the fall pig, and, as a result, the food constituents which these things supply must be provided by some other means.

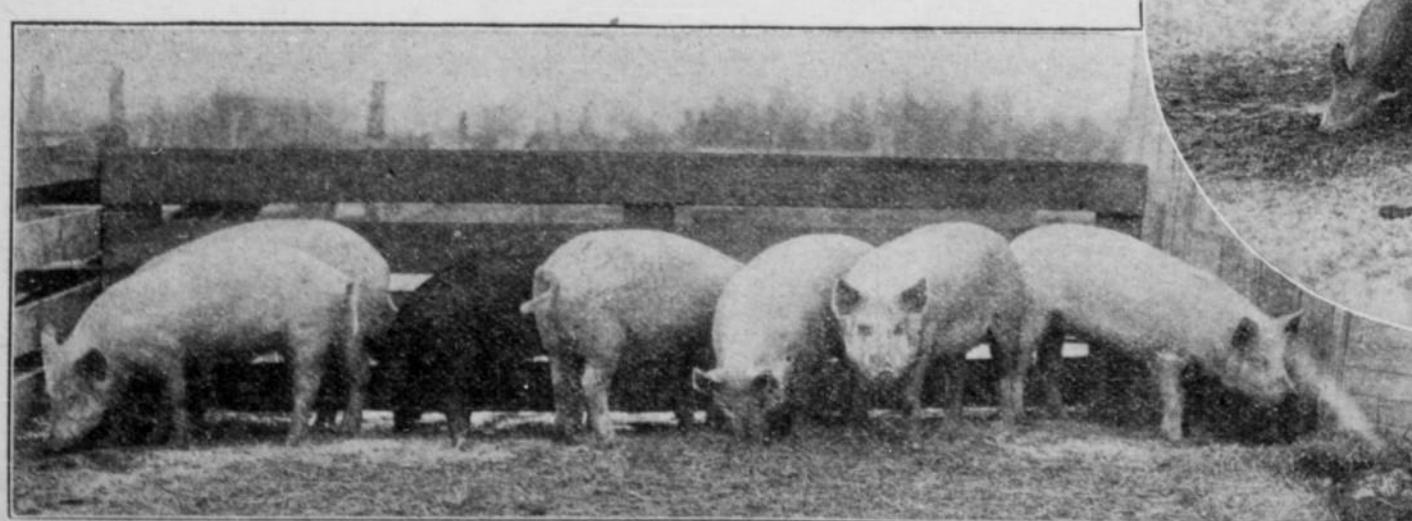
The Fall pig hasn't much chance to "mine" his mineral requirements, so the feeder must supply it if the pig is to make satisfactory growth.

The green crops supply protein, which is needed for body growth; mineral matter, which is necessary for proper bone development and other vital uses; and vitamins, which are never seen around the hog lot, but which are very necessary in the ration if proper growth and development is to take place. All of these things are supplied in the ordinary grain ration to a greater or less extent, but there are just enough varieties of each lacking to throw the whole grain marketing machinery out of gear unless they are supplied in the form of supplemental feeds. When the pigs become unthrifty, due to a lack of some of these things, gains become slow, the appetite lags, less grain is disposed of in a given time, and in addition, more grain is required to put on each 100 pounds increase in weight. This fact has been demonstrated time and again by experiments in which the addition or subtraction of various necessary food factors has been carefully checked.

Skim-milk is, of course, the best supplemental feed for fall pigs after weaning and during the later stages of their growth, as it supplies all of the necessary balancing elements. When fed at the rate of approximately three pounds to one pound of grain, it maintains the pigs in a proper state of thrift and enables them to give the maximum return on the grain consumed. The great difficulty with the skim-milk situation is the fact that winter dairying in many instances does not co-operate with fall pig production, and, as a result, skim-milk is a scarce commodity.

If Skim-milk

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A group of Fall pigs marketed by the University of Alberta April 6, 1926, at an average weight of 198 pounds. Average daily gain from December 10 to April 6, 1.22 pounds.

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The League and Disarmament

A compromise agreement which promises to rescue the question of disarmament from indefinite postponement was reached by the Assembly of the League of Nations in its later sessions in September. The Geneva Protocol, formulated in 1925, which called for compulsory arbitration, disarmament and security against aggression, had become much of a dead letter on account of the sweeping guarantees it demanded. The Preparatory Disarmament Committee of the League and the three-power naval conference at Geneva both lost themselves in a maze of technicalities and the situation seemed hopeless. When the Assembly met, the smaller powers raised a row which called forth Sir Austin Chamberlain's memorable statement, that Great Britain would sign no more protocols and sponsor no more security pacts. The demand of the smaller powers for a show down was supported by the German delegation which pointed out that Germany was disarmed already and wanted to see the other great powers disarm. This had the effect of putting the question in the forefront of the Assembly's deliberations, with the result that a compromise which appears to be satisfactory has been worked out.

The unworkable protocol has been abandoned, for the time at least. The Preparatory Disarmament Committee has been relieved of the troublesome task of discovering means by which nations will be afforded guarantees of arbitration and security, a task which has been handed over to a special Security Committee. The two committees will be closely associated, but the Disarmament Committee will hereafter confine itself to technical matters. It has been instructed to resume its labors in November and complete them as soon as possible so that the Council of the League can convene a general disarmament conference at the earliest possible date. In the meantime the League urges the extension of arbitration through particular and collective agreements, including pacts between members of the League and non-member states, on the Locarno model. Members of the League are to be asked by the Council to state what proportion of their armed forces they will be prepared to lend to the League in the event of conflict breaking out in specific regions.

The agreement has been generally well received. The Geneva correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, in referring to "this happy compromise, happy because it is workable" says; "Thus Sir Austin Chamberlain's emphatic declaration that Great Britain is not prepared to give further guarantees than those of Locarno is taken into account. And Germany's demand that disarmament is due here and now and must not be postponed to the Greek kalends because of the search for a remote ideal, has received full satisfaction."

Under the heading, Disarmament Hopes Revived, The Literary Digest quotes a number of comments from American papers, most of them favorable. One editor quoted observes that the disarmament program satisfies all three of the major European powers;

Germany because a commission on disarmament is to go to work at once; France because the question of disarmament and security will be considered together; Britain because the commission will also consider the question of special agreements to prevent conflicts within specified regional areas.

The world has to thank the small powers who are members of the League for refusing to allow the question of disarmament to be put in cold storage. Some of their proposals may have called for commitments to which the great powers, particularly Great Britain, could not agree, but their insistence, supported by Germany, that something be done, forced the League to get down to business and the work on disarmament which some of the powers were altogether too ready to see fall into abeyance, has again been set in motion.

Canada is Prospering

Donald M. Marvin, economist of the Royal Bank of Canada, presents an interesting study of the Canadian business situation in his last monthly letter. Of 26 major factors in the general situation four are rated as excellent, 16 as favorable, four as medium and only two as unsatisfactory. Of the basic industries the position of agriculture is rated as excellent though Mr. Marvin is over-optimistic regarding the wheat crop of Canada when he assumes that it will yield 100,000,000 bushels more than in 1926. Mining and building are rated as favorable, forestry as medium, while fishing, with disappointing catches on both Atlantic and Pacific coasts, is in the unsatisfactory column.

Manufacturing is classified as favorable with the comment that all industry is working at a high level. Iron and steel production is ahead of last year. The paper mills are working at from 80 to 85 per cent. capacity and the boot and shoe industry is a million pairs ahead of the 1926 production. Though automobile production has recently declined owing to the Ford situation, it is still in a favorable position. Railway earnings are below 1926 but prospects are excellent. The position with regard to banking and finance is favorable while the total foreign trade is equal to that of last year.

Some interesting facts regarding employment in Canada and the United States are brought out by Mr. Marvin. While on the whole there has been, since the beginning of 1926, a general decline in employment south of the line, in Canada there has been a rapid and steady rise in the level of employment since December, 1924. In August, 1927, employment was 13.7 per cent. above the average of the Augusts in 1921-25, while in the United States it was 2 per cent. below the average for these years.

Insurance is another factor in the nation's business which has showed very rapid expansion. Between 1920 and 1926 the amount of life insurance in Canada increased over \$2,000,000,000 or 75 per cent. The total life insurance in force in the country now stands at \$4,610,000,000. There also has been an increase of \$2,000,000,000 in fire insurance which now totals over \$8,000,000,000.

Mr. Marvin is in a position which gives him a splendid opportunity for gaining a general bird's-eye view of business conditions in Canada, and the satisfactory state of affairs which he finds is most reassuring. The fact that manufacturing industry is steadily improving in this country during a period when a decline has set in in the United States is particularly gratifying. Three or four years ago when industry was more prosperous in the United States than here, and Canadians were streaming across the border we were told that the only remedy for the situation was more protection. But the tariff protectionists did not have their way. Instead of being raised, tariff duties have

been somewhat decreased, especially by the Robb budget of 1926, yet today we find a condition of affairs in which industry and employment are more satisfactory in Canada than in the United States. The blue ~~rum~~ cry that is raised every time the tariff is pared is pretty effectively answered by the prosperous condition in which the country today finds itself.

Some Straight Talk

In the Livestock Journal, published in London, England, we find an article headed, Cowardly Canadian Cousins, which reports some plain speaking by Mr. T. Baxter, president of the National Farmers' Union, about Canada's tariff policy. An organization called the Free Importation of Canadian Cattle Association, had requested the Lichfield rural council to pass a resolution in favor of the freer importation of cows and heifers into the country. Speaking against the request Mr. Baxter declared that:

If Canada wanted to get free imports into this country, the only fair and honest way to do it was to give free markets to British goods into their own country. They built up a tariff wall and then demanded a free market into this country. "Let us tell our Canadian cousins," said Mr. Baxter, "that if they want to increase the demand for their beef in this country they should give a free market to our manufacturers, so that the English workingman will have plenty of money with which to buy their beef."

Following this declaration the council passed a resolution which wound up by saying that it considered the only fair and honest way to gain free access to the British market is to grant free access to British goods in our own markets. There is a good deal to be said for the viewpoint expressed by Mr. Baxter and the resolution which his remarks inspired. It does seem to smack somewhat of bad taste to build up a tariff wall around Canada to prevent the importation of British goods and then expect Britshers to remove every obstacle in the way of Canadian exports to their country.

A Great Experiment

Could the huge coal mining industry of Great Britain be reorganized upon a basis of efficiency and operated profitably in competition with the world, if brought under government ownership? There seems a reasonable likelihood of the experiment being undertaken in the somewhat near future according to the signs upon the political horizon. At the recent annual conference of the Labor party, upon motion of Ramsay Macdonald, former labor premier, and Herbert Smith, president of the miners federation, the nationalization of mines was reaffirmed by a large majority. The Labor party has definitely declared that there is no other satisfactory solution of the mining problem. When in power the Labor government proved equal to its responsibilities and there seems a fair prospect of its return to office some of these days.

Since the hopeless failure of the general strike in Great Britain the responsible leaders of the labor party are realizing that the strike method, with the hardships and sacrifices entailed, is not a final cureall for the evils with which labor has to contend. In seconding the motion for nationalization of mines, the president of the miner's federation, declared "What the miners are trying to get is justice and fair play. We are going to fight industrially and politically and more politically than industrially. We are going to fight by means of the ballot box instead of by the stomachs of women and children." This indicates a course of action which is bound to have more permanent and satisfactory results. No Anglo-Saxon nation or people can be coerced by the weapon of the general strike. But everywhere they are open to appeals for justice and fair play. It may be that the Labor party in Britain will

be able to demonstrate to the world that government ownership of a great industry such as mining can be made a commercial success. The record of private ownership of mines in Britain, as in many other parts of the world, leaves much to be desired both from the standpoint of the miners and the general public. The co-ordination of the industry, either through government ownership or consolidation, with production concentrated on the more economically worked deposits, is necessary if the British coal industry is to hold its own under present conditions.

A Matter of Opinion

The other day Robert H. Davis, editor of the New York Sun, when passing through Winnipeg, was interviewed by one of the local papers which devotes considerable of its space to the publication of news stories of crime. Mr. Davis uttered a rather amusing explanation of the dominant place given to this sort of news in many American and a growing number of Canadian daily newspapers:

"The newspaper is the cinema of life—life in all its phases," says Mr. Davis. "If a crime happens to be in the way when the film is 'shot' it's in the picture, that's all. We've got to print the sermons, and we've got to print the cause for sermons; we've got to print religion and we've got to print the reason for religion. We get the evil with the good and we've got to show the evil with the good."

And Mr. Davis lets it go at that. If the newspaper is really the cinema of life then according to some newspapers life consists largely of crime, sport and the stock market. Steadily the daily press is coming to devote less and less of its space to the real news of the world and more and more to sensational reading matter. It is catering, and apparently with considerable success, to what it believes the public, or the larger portion of the public, craves. But has the newspaper

no responsibility towards its community? If not what of the future?

Democratic Prospects

The Democratic party seems to be rather short of men of presidential calibre. The two most prominent names mentioned for the next nomination were those of Mr. McAdoo and Governor "Al" Smith of New York. Mr. McAdoo has announced that he will not allow his name to go before the convention and this has greatly strengthened the position of Governor Smith. But though "Al" has made a very good governor there are grave apprehensions that he would not be an acceptable candidate for the presidency. He is a Tammany product, an outspoken opponent of prohibition and lacks to a marked degree the reserve and dignity associated with that exalted office. He is a Roman Catholic which, for some reason that Canadians have difficulty in understanding, many Americans believe to be a disqualification for the office of president. So far, however, no other outstanding democrat seems to be available. The Republicans are faced with an entirely different situation. Their difficulty is to choose between Dawes, Hoover, Lowden, Borah and several others, anyone of whom would maintain the high traditions of the White House.

The Premier's Pension

A number of wealthy men in England are contributing to a fund to provide an annuity of \$17,500 for Lord Oxford, who, as Mr. Asquith, was premier of Great Britain for a number of years. Under the law Lord Oxford, or any other ex-premier of Britain, is entitled to a pension of \$10,000 annually provided he applies for it and states that he is impecunious. Lord Oxford, while not very well to do, does not feel that he is quite impecunious and consequently has not applied for the pension, so that private funds are to be provided.

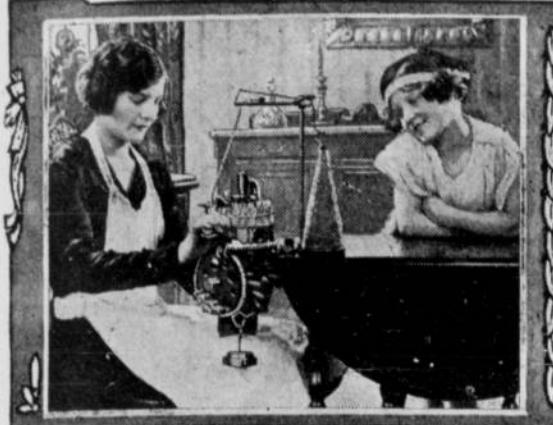
Any nation can well afford to do honor to itself by providing generously for the declining years of the extremely few persons who have been called to the highest office in the state. Any man who has ever held the position of president of the United States, premier of Canada or premier of Great Britain, and has given his best days to the public service should enjoy freedom from financial worry in his declining years. The public man has many drains on his purse that the average individual escapes and unless he has private sources of income it is difficult for him to build up a competence that will provide for his later life in keeping with the position he has occupied. Provision should be made that, unless his private income is ample for the purpose, a pension could be granted that would ensure him a total income equivalent to the salary of a cabinet minister, and thus save him from the necessity of becoming the recipient of private donations.

The Trades Union Congress, which met in Edinburgh in September, gave communism the cold shoulder and was decidedly favorable to working more in harmony with industry for the improvement of labor and general economic conditions. The annual conference of the Labor party, which convened in Blackpool, on October 3, renounced the communists as "the powers of dissension" and voted overwhelmingly for ridding the labor party of the Moscow infected organization. The Russian ambassador to France has got into trouble for mixing propaganda with his ambassadorial duties. In China the Bolshevik emissary, Borodin, has been ousted and Eugene Chen, who figured last winter as the chief Chinese communist leader, is now in Moscow where he evidently finds more friends than in China. That part of the Bolshevik program which calls for stirring up revolutionary movements in other countries is not getting results.



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The U.F.O. Controversy

Mr. Drury's opposition to U.F.O. candidate in North Huron precipitated a storm that has long been brewing

TROUBLE that has long been simmering in the ranks of the organized farmers in Ontario has reached the ebullition point and is now boiling over, as a result of Hon. E. C. Drury's action in supporting the Liberal candidate in the recent North Huron by-election. Mr. Sheldon Bricker ran as a straight U.F.O. candidate and declared his adherence to the economic group idea in politics. Mr. Drury's appearance on the Liberal platform and his statements made therefrom called forth a statement signed by President W. A. Amos, and Secretary J. J. Morrison, of the U.F.O. The statement, which was published in The Farmers' Sun, after asserting that the U.F.O. executive in North Huron had acted constitutionally as provided for under the established usage of the organization to which they belong, continued:

The following are typical press quotations from speeches delivered by Mr. Drury at various meetings during the North Huron by-election campaign:

"The dominant clique in the U.F.O. are pursuing an unworkable and unrealizable policy."

"Strings are attached to the U.F.O. candidate. The U.F.O. political committee is a pretty tight family compact. What would you say if a Conservative, Liberal or Progressive political committee rejected or approved your nominees?"

"During the last three conventions of the U.F.O. it would appear to an outsider that they were not wanting to hurt the Tories. The tariff question was to come up but on it the delegates were silent. So it was with prohibition, a plank in the farmers' platform. The chair didn't want it, and it did not come up."

"Group government had never been endorsed by a U.F.O. convention, though an attempt had been made at the last convention to smuggle through two resolutions that would have committed the organization to the scheme."

On behalf of the organization, we feel it our duty to refute these statements which we declare to be utterly without foundation of fact.

Position Taken by The Sun

The Farmers' Sun dealing with the question editorially in its issue of September 15 stated that Mr. Drury was not justified in dragging the group government bogey into the North Huron by-election. The U.F.O. had never endorsed group government and The Sun doubted very much whether there were a couple of dozen people within the movement who had any very clear idea of what group government involved.

In its September 22nd issue The Sun published a leading editorial, entitled "Broadening Out" Ends, in which it is stated that Messrs. Drury and Raney had abandoned not only their cause but also their Progressive followers and had done what they could to deliver these, roped and bound, to the Liberal party. It continued:

For his part in this service to the Liberal party, Mr. Mackenzie King, defying the just rules of public policy in that respect, makes Mr. Raney a judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario. Mr. Drury speaks with plain regret of an offer of a federal portfolio in 1923, which he could not accept. It seems, to judge from an interview reported in the Toronto Star of the 15th of September, that he deems his task not yet done. He has apparently the audacious intention of carrying the matter of the political action of the farmers into the annual meeting of the United Farmers of Ontario. That can only mean that he plans to enter the U.F.O. citadel and to tear down its flag, destroy its officers and deliver, roped and bound, the rank and file, like the Progressives, into the Liberal camp. For seven weary years Mr. Drury has kept the United Farmers in turmoil and strife about broadening out. Now, having abandoned broadening out, his further molestation of the United Farmers can hardly be attributed to worthy motives.

In a letter to The Sun Miss Macphail, outlining the campaign, in which she took an active part, said that it proved that the U.F.O. was independent of political parties, that it could not be bought, bullied or ridiculed out of existence. The campaign she said also caused Mr. Drury to get himself into the proper pew.

Mr. Drury's Vigorous Defence

To these statements Mr. Drury has replied in a vigorous letter to The Sun. Press reports of what he told the electors of North Huron were, he said, not accurate but would do as a basis of discussion. Referring to The Sun's editorial statement that the U.F.O. had

never endorsed group government he said: "... At the last U.F.O. convention there were two resolutions which if passed would have committed the organization utterly to the policy. One of these was 'smuggled through' without any explanation or discussion when I was out of the hall for a few moments, though I had waited all afternoon for it to be brought up, and had seen the president call resolutions that stood both before and after it on the order paper. The second I spoke on, though I found it difficult to get a hearing because of the too noisy partisans of the idea, with the result that it was tabled. I might explain that I had been given the task of speaking on it by those who were opposed to the scheme." Mr. Drury also states that group government was made an issue in the campaign by Miss Macphail and Mr. Bricker before he ever went into the riding.

Regarding the powers of the U.F.O. political committee, Mr. Drury maintained that the powers taken to itself by this committee with the assent and approval of the executive constitute an instance of machine rule more intolerable than any exercised by any party caucus. He quotes part of a statement issued by the committee as follows:

In the event of the candidate being confronted with an issue on which the U.F.O. has made no pronouncement, such candidate and the riding executive shall consult with the U.F.O. political committee and the U.F.O. executive and failing mutual understanding the political committee and the executive shall automatically deny the candidate any claim to U.F.O. support.

This, said Mr. Drury, means in plain English that U.F.O. candidates and even U.F.O. riding conventions are to have no independence of thought whatever and that the U.F.O. political committee has power to enforce absolute conformity to its views on pain of expulsion from the party. "This," he exclaims, "is democracy; this is independence with a vengeance! Boss Crocker of Tammany Hall must turn in his grave with envy when he considers the perfection of this machine."

Tariff and Prohibition

Referring to the statement regarding attention given to tariff and prohibition he said: "One thing is plain, the failure of the U.F.O. to take powerful and courageous stand on these questions at the critical time was the one best service to the big interests of high tariff and liquor that could possibly have been rendered." Mr. Drury stated that he went into the North Huron campaign because he considered that the interests of the farmers, which in Dominion politics lies in lowering the tariff, could be best served by the election of a government supporter. If Mr. Bricker had been a Progressive he would not have gone in nor would the Liberals have been justified in putting a man in the field since Progressives believe in giving consistent support to those who in the main are inclined to their policy. But Mr. Bricker was not a Progressive, but a U.F.O. and if elected, if he followed the policy outlined by his sponsor, Miss Macphail, he would vote the government out on the smallest question, even though he agreed with it on all main issues. He went into the campaign hoping to avert what actually did occur, the election in a three cornered fight of a high tariff candidate in a low tariff constituency. He had not, he said, gone over to the Liberals but believed that just now the reform in Dominion affairs most needed, the lowering of the tariff, would be best forwarded by an attitude of support toward the King government. Dunning, Forke, Motherwell, Stewart, Lapointe and Premier King himself were, he said, all favorable to drastic cuts in the tariff and would go as far as public opinion would let them.

The Sun's Reply

The Sun prefaces its reply to Mr. Drury's letter by stating that it believes that in going into North Huron as he did Mr. Drury unwittingly rendered the U.F.O. an inestimable service. It continues:

His recent actions and utterances have

at last laid bare the hitherto ill-concealed dissension which has so sadly sapped the very life blood of the farm movement within this province. Further to temporize with the issue would be folly. Early action based upon calm, cool, courageous facing the facts is essential. If a break is to occur, far better that it come now while the movement retains some spark of its old vitality than that the breach be patched up and glossed over temporarily only to erupt again eventually and end inevitably in the complete collapse of the whole movement. With these facts in view and conscious of the common sense of the United Farmers, The Sun confidently believes that the North Huron by-election will mark the beginning of a new era in the forward progress of the farm movement in this province.

Referring to group government The Sun holds that the U.F.O. has adopted the principle of direct representation for agriculture but that this does not necessarily involve the inauguration of a system of group government. As to the report of the U.F.O. political committee The Sun states that while recognizing the autonomy of every constituency the report states that no one can be recognized as a U.F.O. candidate unless he or she is in agreement with such declared policy and principles as the U.F.O. may determine from time to time. If, as sometimes happens, a candidate may be confronted with an issue on which the U.F.O. has not established a policy it is stipulated that the candidate and the riding executive shall consult the U.F.O. political committee and the U.F.O. executive and that failing mutual understanding the candidate shall automatically be denied any claim to U.F.O. support. The Sun vigorously claims that this is only common sense and constitutes nothing in the way of machine rule or infringement of the rights of constituencies. It further states that if Mr. Drury found so much that was objectionable in the nomination of United Farmer candidates he had every opportunity for carrying his complaint to the annual convention last December, where as a result of constructive suggestions a policy more or less in line with Mr. Drury's own ideas might have been evolved.

The Tariff Resolutions

Both the tariff and prohibition, says The Sun, came up for discussion at the last annual convention of the U.F.O. and it quotes three resolutions that were passed—one on temperance affirming the organization's belief in the desirability of retaining and perfecting the Ontario Temperance Act and the other two on the tariff. One of the tariff resolutions coming through the usual channels of the U.F.O. was as follows:

Whereas, the homes of our country are being penalized by the excessive costs of clothing, boots and shoes, children's dresses, fabrics, knitted goods, and other articles needed for ordinary comfort, and,

Whereas, more intensive farming is necessary for increased production and diversified farming demands more labor which women must do;

Therefore be it resolved that labor-saving devices, together with clothing, be placed on the list of articles upon which the tariff will speedily be revised, and upon which a reduction will be made.

The other resolution was presented by J. W. Ward, Secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture and was identical in form with one passed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture. It commanded the government on reductions in the tariff made in the budget of 1926. It insisted on making further reductions particularly on the necessities of life and commodities directly or indirectly affecting the cost of agriculture and other industries. It also expressed emphatic opposition to any increase in the present scale of duties on basic materials used in manufacture.

The reason why these resolutions passed with little or no discussion is because, says The Sun, the U.F.O. is unequivocally committed to prohibition and lower tariffs so that rarely has any attempt been made to oppose such firmly established principles. It also states that U.F.O. clubs contribute to the maintenance of the representative at Ottawa in the person of A. E. Darby whose duty it is to oppose applications to the tariff Board on tariff increases and to support applications for tariff reductions.

Mr. Drury closed his letter with a statement that he had not completed his defence and might be further heard from. The whole matter will likely be threshed out in the next U.F.O. convention.

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SOME men whose farming activities have been crowned with success tell their story with a sense of reverent thanksgiving to a beneficent providence. Some others flavor their tale with a strong odor of their personal worth. A few, like B. H. Tyler, of Brooks, Alberta, tell it as a huge joke which they can by no means account for. Tyler talks with the air of a cowboy who stumbled into the dazzling Casino at Monte Carlo by accident, came perilously near losing everything on the first few throws, then settled down to a steady game which won him a pile, all the while amusing himself vastly. He makes you feel that if the wheel had stopped at the wrong number on the critical turn, he would have taken his trimming, and saved up another stake to play again for the pure fun of the game.

An Experienced Irrigator

Tyler came from Idaho to the new C.P.R. irrigation block at Bow Slope at the close of the war, buying 420 acres, 360 of which is under the ditch and cost \$80 an acre. Things didn't go very well. After the hail had knocked him out in 1921 he counted his overdue payments well into the thousands. Cleaned right out. But even though luck was running against him, he managed to enthuse some one else in the same sort of gamble that was breaking his back. That meant a land transaction and a \$100 commission on which, after his creditors shut down on him, he and his family lived. He had to dig his own coal out of the river bed, and milk cows—a badge of terrible degradation in the Bow Valley—and his family went without a few of the things one likes to consider as necessities, but they managed to hang on.

Alfalfa seed pulled Tyler out of the hole. The seed crop of 1922 was a record breaker. The price was disappointing, yet he got \$75 an acre from 15 acres. Don Bark, of Brooks, and a few others decided to do something about the discouraging price of seed. The logical thing to do was to sell it co-operatively, and they started an enterprise which is flourishing to this day. The co-op. went over with a bang. It brought Tyler \$2,500 in 1923, the first year, every payment running the gauntlet of Tyler's clamorous creditors. One ten-acre patch earned \$170 per acre for him, its total yield being 102 bushels.

Sheep Story A Romance

But there's nothing unusual about this part of Tyler's success. Its just a plain every-day tale of good land, plus Alberta sunshine, plus an unfailing water supply out of the C.P.R. ditch, plus human perseverance. Since 1922 there has usually been a couple of car loads of wheat and a couple of carloads of hogs yearly to augment the income. And I suspect that somewhere, shame-facedly perhaps, he keeps those milk cows which kept him in worse times, for although there wasn't a cow in sight in that treeless valley of the Bow which flows by his door, there was a generous freezer of ice cream on the day of my visit to attest their presence.

It's Tyler's sheep enterprise which provides the romance in his story. In 1922 he didn't own such a thing as a sheep. In a year from now, at his present rate of acquisition, he'll have well on to a thousand head, if one can trust the estimate of Bark, who is a sort of father confessor to all these rubber boot farmers on the down hill slope from the Bassano dam. And not one dollar has Tyler laid out to attain this end. Here's the how of it:

Surrounding Tyler's irrigated acres there are long stretches of dry land fit for nothing but pasturing sheep. The ranchers who control it count their stock in four or five figures and run them in big bands continually on the

move. Under these conditions ewes are rarely able to look after more than one lamb. It is a common practice on the sheep ranges to knock the poorest of twins on the head. When the ewe is allowed to attempt the job of raising both of her twins, if pasture or water is scarce than usual, the poorer of the twins usually develops into what is known in sheep parlance as a "bum" and there's nothing more forlorn in the whole animal kingdom.

Started With Five

Back in 1923 when Tyler was in that frame of mind when he would have stalked a jack rabbit across a summer-fallow to get a meal, he conceived the idea of mothering some bums on the surplus cow's milk at his establishment. It didn't take much persuasion to separate the nearest rancher from five of these baby pariahs, and by fall —well, you know what alfalfa and milk will do.

From then on Tyler's flock expanded like the story of the House that Jack built. In 1924 he discovered another way of accumulating sheep. He cared for 22 ewes with twins belonging to a neighboring rancher and accepted as pay half the increase. As his own lambs came he kept the ewes for breeding, and from the proceeds of the wethers marketed, bought more sheep stock. In 1925 each wether lamb brought him two ewes, for the stock yards paid \$12 a head on the wethers, and ewes were bought locally for \$6 a head. Even the check for his fleeces went into more breeding stock. Obviously he was taking nothing out of his flock, not even the price of his labor and feed, but neither was he spending cash to enlarge it.

How Savings Multiply

Start rolling a snowball like this and it grows in geometrical proportion. There will be a few upsets. Coyotes got to the flock in 1926 and cut it down by 40 lambs. But even at that Tyler lamb'd 200 old ewes this spring, adding 230 more to his holdings. His band is now at a point where expense is at its highest per animal. It is too large to be treated economically as a farm flock, and not large enough to run as a range band requiring the full time of a herder. Within two years, Mr. Bark estimates, Tyler's farm will have paid for itself, and his band of woolies, by then on a range basis, will have been created by the simple process of saving.

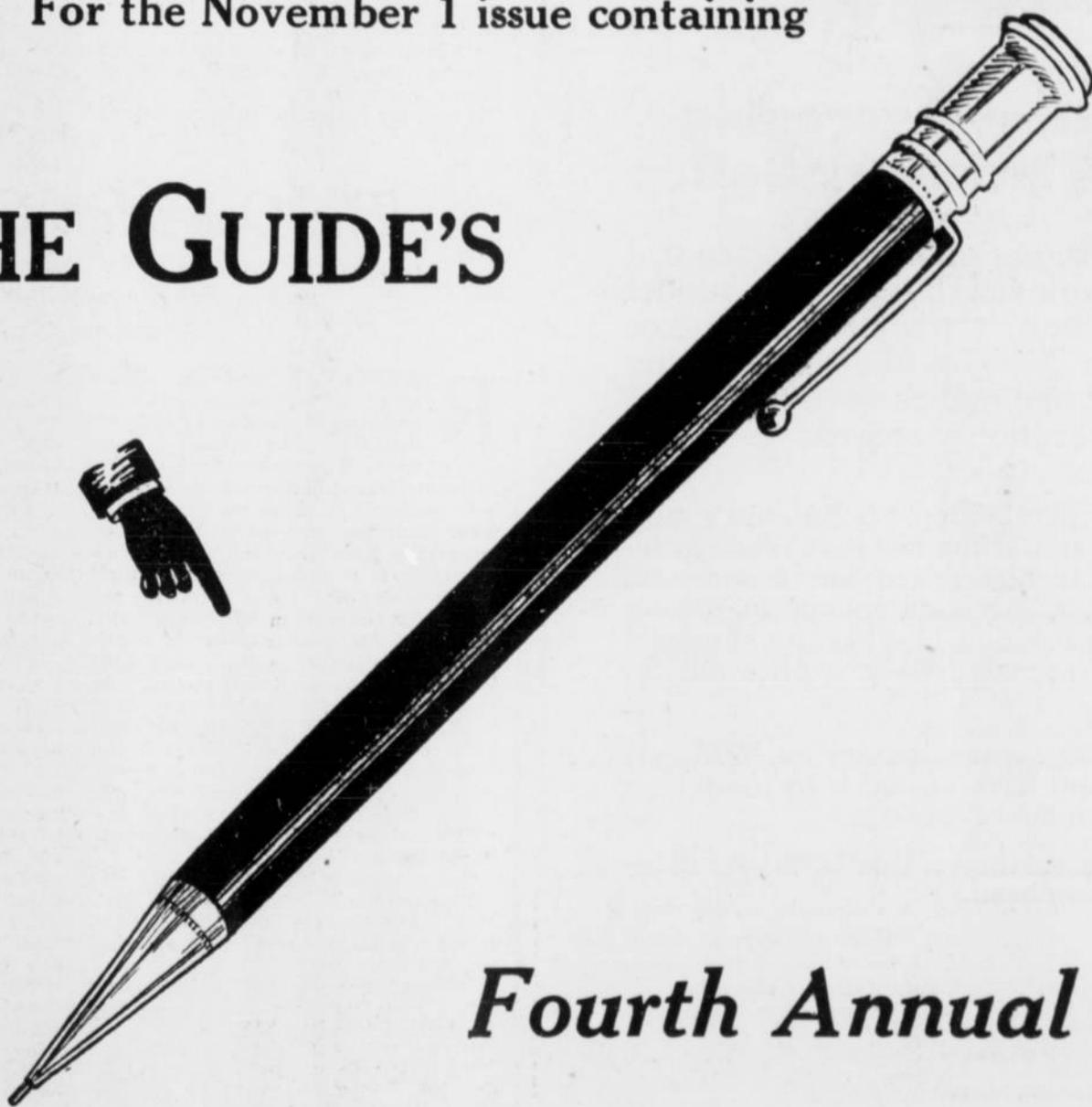
I have had some contact with men entering the poultry business. I know how they calculate. I have seen them take out a pencil and paper and prove in a column of figures that within a short space of time their poultry plant would be producing enough to cover the world three feet deep in eggs. The story of Tyler's success with sheep reminded me of it. Sure there had to be a catch in it somewhere. "What about pasture?" I asked. "How far can you expand your sheep operations without having to make some provision for it?"

That brought out the interesting information that when Tyler first took over his land there were 16 families living in the south half of his township, lying just across the Bow River from his house. Today all of them are gone, save two that have given up dry farming as a shattered hope, and are running a few head of stock to eke out a living. When you've abandonment all around you on that scale, pasture is no problem. When it becomes necessary to lease it, Tyler declares he can well afford to pay what the ranchers have to and still made a handsome profit.

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"One year with another wheat pays better than oats with us," said Mr. Kehoe to a Guide representative who called on him this summer. "Our main revenue is from wheat and we usually have from 7,000 to 8,000 bushels a year to sell. So far we have never been troubled with rust. I have never stubbled in wheat. We generally spring plow both for the second crop of wheat and for oats. This year we are summerfallowing; about 170 acres. We do not have to summerfallow for moisture exactly, but mostly to keep the land clean. There is no sow thistle on this place, though I have noticed some patches around the country.

"A lot of new land was broken around here last year. Where there is lots of brush, horse power is not enough. Tractors are better for squaring out the fields."

Mr. Kehoe had eight acres of timothy last year which gave 12 tons of hay. It was on rather low lying land where, he says, it seems to do best as it needs lots of moisture in the spring. He has tried red clover, but found that though it caught it afterwards winter killed.

In addition to grain growing he milks six Holstein cows and keeps about 30 head of stock. He aims to market 10 or 12 hogs a year. Some idea of the prosperous appearance of the place can be gained from a glance at the illustration. The \$7,000 house was built last year. The old log fellow has been standing for 30 years and was one of the first houses in the district. It has not been used by the present owner, however. The house which the new one has succeeded has been torn down. The transition from the old log house to the new brick one with all modern conveniences is a tribute to the sure crop district and the thrifty progressive farmer who left a rather stoney county in Ontario 19 years ago and now has a 900-acre farm with buildings such as these.

The One-Man Co-operative

Its manager may make an interesting character study but he is not necessarily an authority on co-operation

By R. D. COLQUETTE

RECENTLY I read an article about a co-operative marketing organization that does a million-dollar business without a contract. The writer of the article, however, did not describe an association—he produced a character study of a man. That man was the manager. Between the lines it could be read, as clearly as if it had been printed, that here was one of those co-operatives we sometimes run across, which are built up around the personality of a single individual. He may realize it thoroughly; he may be only partly conscious of it; but consciously or unconsciously he has that rare gift of gaining the complete confidence of his neighbors in his shrewd common sense, efficiency and integrity. They simply leave it to him. Fortunate is the co-operative which has such a man as a manager. Unfortunate it usually is when it loses him.

One such man I met some time ago out on the Pacific coast. He was head of a berry growers' co-operative in a compact valley, and was the type of man who knew himself.

"What is the secret of the success of this organization?" an enquiring journalist once asked him.

"I am," was the unhesitating reply.

He was right at that. There was no offence in the reply to anyone. The members of the association would tell you the same thing. He was not dominating in speech or manner. He was a natural leader and everyone knew it, including himself. It would be impossible to imagine the association such an unqualified success without him.

They Let Jimmy Do It

Down in Ontario there is a co-operative which is built around the personality of one man. It handles fruit and vegetables and has a good distributing business. At least the farmers grow the produce and buy the goods and "Jimmy," no one would think of calling him anything else, looks after the business end. He says little and boasts

not at all. But he knows how to sell and he knows how to buy and his neighbors know that he knows. His shrewdness has become traditional and is accepted without question. His integrity is beyond and above suspicion. The farmers who deal through him simply don't bother their heads about how he conducts the business. Their confidence that he will do the shrewd business-like thing and the right thing is complete. He never failed them yet and they know he never will.

I know a livestock shipping association in the West here which has such a man. It is recognized as one of the most successful local associations of its kind in the country. Yet when I went there to get the story of it I could scarcely get enough material to stretch out to a column. But he gets the stock to ship. He never goes scurrying from one firm to another, but sends his stuff to the one company, the farmers' company, and asks no questions. Everything is accounted for and he knows to a pound and to a cent what he has shipped during the year and what it cost to handle it. The drovers assail him and he loses an occasional member but he either gets him back or gets two others in his place.

The man described in the article referred to is that kind of a man. He carries on the business, which is potato shipping, in his own way and says to the grower, "Take it or leave it." His association puts on no membership campaigns and prints no contracts. So long as a member delivers all his potatoes to the association he is in good standing. If he isn't satisfied he can go. The principle has worked, for the membership has grown in 15 years from 150 to 400 and the business from a few car loads to a million dollars a year.

Hidden Dangers

There is, however, a danger of drawing a whole series of wrong conclusions from the success of such associations. They belong to a certain type of co-

operative organization which has done and in many cases continues to do good work, but whether they are the most effective type of co-operative or not is another question.

They are in each case, you will note, purely local organizations. They operate within the circumscribed radius of one man's influence. They have no contract because his influence takes the place of a contract and makes it unnecessary in that particular case. Such organizations may be in the most precarious of conditions. If for any reason that one man's influence is removed and if the association is not as successful or lucky in getting a successor as it was in discovering him the chances are that disaster will quickly follow.

Not a Local Problem

But there is another danger. Marketing with the vast majority of products is not a local problem at all. It is a regional problem. The whole three prairie provinces are an economic unit as far as marketing wheat is concerned. To a lesser but still to a great degree they are a unit in livestock marketing. They produce an export type of butter. They are the only provinces in Canada producing this type and they will never have their export butter business properly in hand until they are marketing it as a single unit. Ontario has lost the western market for apples because she did not protect the reputation of Ontario apples on this market. That would have been done if her apple growers had been organized provincially, instead of being organized locally or not at all. And so on ad infinitum.

The strong going local organization, built up around the personality of one man does not help in the organization of producers on the larger and more effective scale. It hinders such organization. There are evidences of this even in the strongest co-operative communities in the world. Some people talk as if the federation of strong local associations into large regional organizations is a simple and easy thing to do. They have made the great fundamental error of thinking that this is the only proper way in which to build up large scale, effective, marketing co-operatives. Federation of such associations is not easy. It is one of the most difficult jobs in the world. Denmark has never been able to get her local bacon factories all into one selling agency. The California orange growers have not been able to get all their associations linked up with the California Fruit Growers exchange; one very large district has remained outside and is selling against the exchange. The chief reason why the American grain growers have been unable to organize pools on anything like the scale of the Canadian pools, in spite of almost superhuman efforts, is because of their system of local co-operative elevator companies. They have tried to federate them but it can't be done.

Half-built Bridges

And so, while the story of a man who is just naturally accepted as a local leader and becomes the keystone of a local co-operative arch is very interesting, it is well to ponder on what will happen when the keystone is removed. And it is also well to consider how many arches it takes to make a bridge. Sometimes one is sufficient but most streams are too wide for a single arch bridge to span and with most commodities a local association, working by itself, is about as effective as a half built bridge.

But it is refreshing to run across such a man. Usually he has the qualifications that would have made him successful in private business. He could have become wealthy, with a big house in the best residential section and a high power car with two spares strapped on behind. But he prefers to be just one of the people whom he serves; to have everybody calling him by his nickname; with all his pictures taken in his shirt sleeves with a pipe in his mouth, showing a kindly face with shrewd eyes, behind which is a head stored with homely philosophy. Such men make interesting subjects for character studies but they are not the authorities to quote on co-operative marketing.



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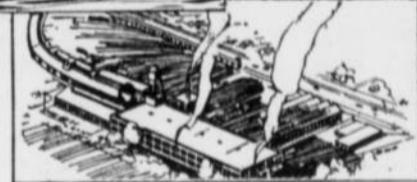
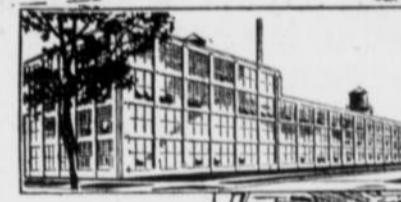
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An American Farmer's Faith

Legislation, he thinks, can do little to help American Agriculture

WRITING in Farm and Fireside, Jared Van Wagenen, a prominent New York farmer, speaker and writer, combines a lot of common sense and wholesome sentiment when dealing with the plight of the American farmer. He says:

I believe that the world means that the farmer shall have a fair deal. I believe that everybody worth mentioning wishes the farmer well. I believe that if mere good wishes could help us we had been long ere now on the broad highway. I believe that there is nothing within reason the government would not grant if only half persuaded of its usefulness.

Also I believe that it is simply our misfortune in just these years to be caught in the grip of economic forces largely beyond anyone's control.

I say this, who am myself a working farmer—a "dirt" farmer, if you prefer this rather meaningless term. When I am home I get up at five o'clock in the morning and milk cows. My people have been farmers so long that I do not know when they were anything else.

Cause Of Farmers' Troubles

My diagnosis of the farmer's troubles can be stated in one sentence: there are so many farmers and so many agricultural acres that food is being produced in quantities greater than can be sold at a remunerative price.

A good deal of the advice given us in our dilemma seems indeed unsympathetic, but I think this is largely the result of men talking without knowing the facts. There are many men of business training, able and sincere and sympathetic toward agriculture, who miss the main point by maintaining that the great trouble with the farmer is that he lacks exact business methods; that the great need of the farm is a good dose of modern industrial efficiency. To this I reply, good-naturedly but none the less positively, that we farmers are often highly skilled men, not infrequently with the hereditary skill of generations; and that we already conduct our business so efficiently that any newcomer from the city who tries it, unless he has ample resources, goes broke.

There is another type of guide and mentor who tells us that the trouble with the farmer is that he spends too much time on the state highways, burning gasoline, when he might better be at home plowing for corn or slopping the hogs. To this I reply, not very good-naturedly, that I fully agree we are, as a people, extravagant. We are extravagant in many things, including gasoline consumption and installment buying. Nevertheless I resent being singled out as a class and ordered to do the economizing for all the rest of the country. Also, I add, the farmer as does no other great class of our citizenry exemplifies the old-fashioned Spartan virtues of patient industry, thrift and economy.

As to remedies we find the widest possible variation from the old-fashioned Adam Smith philosophy, which insists on letting bad enough alone and asserts that our ills are something which only time can cure, on through various grades of legislative and economic panaceas, even including arbitrary governmental price-fixing.

I confess that, in my own thinking, legislation can do very little to set aside the operations of economic law. I believe that our troubles lie too deeply to be permanently helped either by legislation or exhortation.

I know that among my fellow farm-

ers, more especially across the Mississippi River, are multitudes of sincere and patriotic men who believe that it is within the power of Congress to do something for us. I feel a sense akin to sorrow that I am unable to think as they do. I read of many devious schemes to sell to our people at home at one price, a "domestic" price, and then to sell the surplus abroad at another and lower price. If we attempt it I fear that our final end will be worse than our present plight.

I am afraid not that the next Congress will do too little "for the farmer" but that it will do too much. Moreover, I cannot escape the conviction that even in the bleeding Corn Belt the farmer would not be so vocal were not his anguish stimulated by divers talented gentlemen of ambition whose anxiety is concerned first of all with what will happen on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

I am going to venture just one more suggestion. Perhaps as a plain farmer I have no business to touch the big question of foreign indebtedness. And yet, if our loans to the allies were not ordinary commercial transactions but rather contributions to a common cause, and if any generous gesture on our part would help bring back Europe's old time purchasing power for farm products and add incidentally to the not too abundant stock of international amity and goodwill, I am sure that this would be more to our advantage than any success we might achieve as a bill collector.

The World Is Not Against Us

No thoughtful man desires that the world shall go on short rations, but I feel that we farmers are within our just desires if we look forward to a time when consumption shall press closely enough on the heels of production so that the man who drives a corn planter may be paid a wage commensurate with the man who lays brick or climbs telegraph poles or digs coal—something which has never been possible during our industrial history.

I believe that the trend is that way. The world is not against us; only the times; and these times will pass. I have made for myself an economic creed, which runs like this:

"It is not necessary—perhaps it is not even desirable—that farming be remunerative enough so that the farmer may pile up large wealth. But it is eminently desirable that farming be

remunerative enough so that the farmer may make an attractive and dignified home; so that he may educate his children according to the best standard of their time, and so that for himself he may have leisure for thought and for that fine attitude of mind and spirit which he calls culture."

And I beg leave in conclusion to paraphrase an ancient declaration and in this time of agricultural discouragement to say to all men of the farm:

Do what seems good to you. Follow the desires of your own heart. Leave, if you will, the land and enlist under the banner of some great industrial corporation. Be one of thousands who come and go through the gates. When the whistle blows take up your dinner pail and walk to your apartment within brick walls and buy your milk in a bottle and your potatoes in a paper bag, and forget how your fathers once walked between their own plow handles and turned over the brown earth in the spring, in the sunshine. Do all this if you will, but as for me and my house—we will serve the farm!

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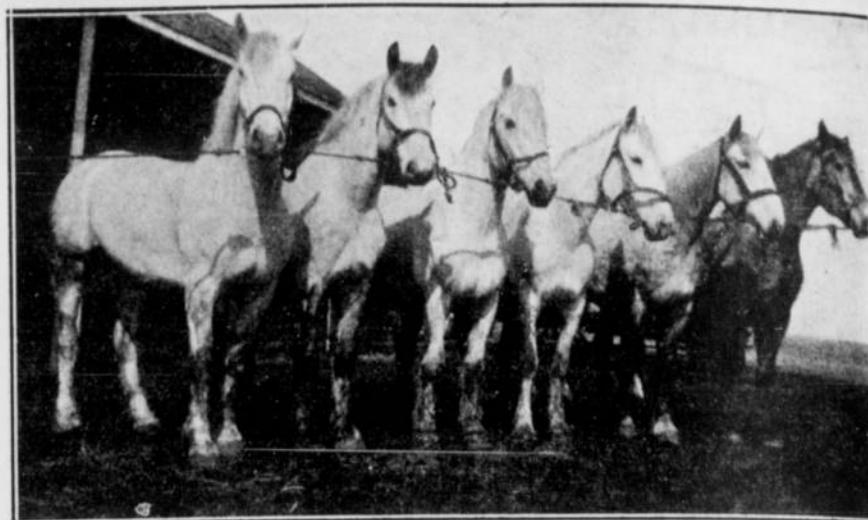
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Combatting Worms in Swine

DURING the past few years many farmers have had a new and perplexing condition affect their young pigs. They all were aware that while an odd pig might be lost during the first few days, the survivors of these early accidents might be expected to thrive and do well. At the end of two or three weeks, however, there might be noticed a marked decline in condition in what had been a most promising litter. Some days later dead pigs would be noticed and all this without any apparent reason. While, of course, in certain instances there might be a possibility of feeding conditions at fault or that the pen conditions not being above reproach, still, in other years under exactly similar conditions many healthy litters had been raised.

In such cases it is only too certain that internal parasites have been the sole cause of the trouble. While these unwelcome visitors are a comparatively new pest to the Canadian farmer they have long been a plague to the hog breeder of the older districts. During the past few years they have been well distributed by animals coming from these infested parts. As we have them with us now, possibly for all time, it will be well for every breeder to be familiar with the symptoms.

Life Cycle of Parasite

It is only but recently that the full life history, or cycle, has been known. In the first place the adult worms inhabit the intestines of the adult swine from year to year. Each female produces thousands of eggs which pass out with the droppings. While it is not known just how long these eggs will retain their vitality, it is certain that if taken up by another pig within a year's time they are able to hatch and develop into another worm, their one weakness being that if taken up during the first ten days they will be destroyed by the stomach juices.

However, we may assume that an egg has been swallowed after passing this critical ten-day period; it then hatches, the embryo emerges and quickly burrows through the bowel wall and finds its way to the lung tissues. Here after a short sojourn and further development it makes its way up the air passages to the throat where it is again swallowed and reaches the stomach. It now develops into the mature worm, capable of producing eggs and thus completes the cycle.

Lost Heaviest With Weanlings

While the mature animal may harbor numbers of these and show little if any bad effects, the younger animals are not so fortunate. The worst cases developing in the young pigs in the first two months of life. A most promising litter of two or three weeks of age will be noticed coughing more or less. Some days later varying degrees of diarrhea will become apparent, symptoms of unthriftness appear, the coat becomes harsh and dry, the skin scurfy and the once fat chubby youngster rapidly becomes but a parcel of skin and bones till death relieves it of its misery. Others may possibly survive, but will

have received such a setback as to be but a total loss as a profit-producing proposition.

Each of the many problems which confront the farmer and the veterinarian has its own peculiar and often disconcerting angles. And this problem is no exception to this rule. In the first place the hog has a mind of his own and often does not appear to fully appreciate the kindly efforts of his owner to better his condition. He is overly apprehensive of the possible ill effects of any strange drug which may be added to his usual diet and will resist to his uttermost any effort to force a dose of medicine down his throat, being fully capable of doing serious injury to the unwary individual who may attempt such manoeuvre without proper preparations.

Dosing Swine

Mixtures may be given in the feed which will thin down the parasites in the bowel to a certain extent but are not 100 per cent. effective by any means. Such mixtures will, however, go far in assisting the animal to resist the encroachment of the parasites on its health and strength. Other remedies which are much more effective have to be more fully considered, first on account of the cost or, again, on account of their more poisonous nature and the necessity of giving them as a drench or capsule, as their flavor is such that the animal will not willingly take them, if possible to avoid it. A dose of oil of chenopodium is 100 per cent. effective if given after a twenty-four hour fast. The dose should be repeated in some ten or fifteen days to remove such other worms which may have not yet emerged from the body tissues at the time of the first dose.

While mature hogs may thus be medicated with a possible elimination of parasites up to 100 per cent, half grown ones with almost a similar degree of success, it is with the younger ones which become infested while still with the dam that the greatest possibility of loss may appear. Here our hope lies along preventive lines. If the breeder has reason to believe that his brood sows are infested with these parasites, the only safe plan is to give such treatment as will remove as many as possible previous to farrowing. Have the farrowing pens as clean as possible. A few days before the young pigs are expected the sow's udder should be thoroughly scrubbed with soap and water to remove all eggs which may be adhering. It must not be overlooked that the pens and yards in which infested animals have occupied for any length of time will be littered paved with eggs which if taken up by another pig will develop into worms.

Provide Clean Land

To remove parasites from the animal will be of little avail if they are not protected from fresh infestation. If the sow is to farrow in the cold weather it must be in a pen made as clean as possible and kept clean and well provided with clean litter. If the pigs are to come in the warmer months, pens should be provided on land which has not been used for hogs previously or, better yet, if movable pens can be used,

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It has been found in the older districts where they have had this trouble for years, that in order to raise hogs successfully a much greater degree of cleanliness is necessary. Hog yards, if long in use must be plowed and fresh ground brought to the surface. In fact the use of the same yard for hogs from year to year will not be permissible, but new lots must be arranged for from time to time—Dr. H. N. Thompson.

Objects to Pulling Contests

A good many breeder's have looked on horse-pulling contests with a sceptical eye, but it remains for Alex. Galbraith, the veteran Clydesdale importer and judge, to bring a formal indictment against them. Writing in the Canadian Countryman, Mr. Galbraith declares:

"During the last few years horse-pulling contests have been featured largely at fairs both in Canada and the United States. I have witnessed a good many of these contests, but must admit that I am quite unconvinced in regard to their utility or benefit. Only one thing has been made manifest to me, viz., that a slow-going rather phlegmatic team will invariably outpull a more lively or nervous team. It is, of course, necessary that the team be well broken and that they pull together slowly, simultaneously and deliberately. Weight also counts for much. I have seen certain teams win against others of much more value in any market. Blocky built horses and not too tall give the best results, as a rule, but with regard to the real practical benefits arising from these contests I have seen nothing to convince me except that they draw a crowd of people willing to pay good money to witness any kind of exciting contest. Even horses with unsound hocks and stilted fetlocks will sometimes be found drawing heavier loads or outpulling other horses of twice or triple their value. I may possibly be set down as a 'crank' in my opposition to these horse-pulling competitions, which are undoubtedly quite popular, but I have yet to see anyone who owns a first-class prize-winning show team willing to enter such a contest for the simple reason that a slight overstrain or slip might render any horse, no matter how good or how valuable, unsound for the rest of his natural life. Anyway, where is the farmer or the city man who in buying a horse or a team wishes to get a slow, phlegmatic animal, lacking in style or spirit or nervous energy? The qualities that lead to success in these pulling contests are frequently the very same qualities that detract from the horse's market value and general usefulness, and so far as I can see no helpful lesson can be learned from any of these competitions as to the breed, type, size or conformation of the kind of animal that the Canadian farmer should try to raise."

Demand for Polled Bulls

A recent visitor to The Guide office was James Browne, past president of the Canadian Aberdeen-Angus Association, and now associated with the Saskatchewan Livestock Branch. Mr. Browne reports that the field work on which he is engaged reveals a big demand for Red Polled bulls, and practically no animals in sight to satisfy it. It would appear as though the active campaign carried on for the last few years educating cattle feeders to dehorn their stock is partly responsible for the increased demand for polled bulls, but Mr. Browne has no explanation for the signs which point to the Red Polled breed as the principal benefactor in this change in public sentiment.

Polled Shorthorns have been virtually unknown in Western Canada, and since the Mossom Boyd Company dispersed their splendid herd of Polled Herefords, that breed has not been heard from. Until recently the Aberdeen-Angus has been almost the sole contributor of muleys to the stock yards. "Why not more pure-breds of all these polled breeds?" asks Mr. Browne.



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In this connection the following clipping from the London Livestock Journal is not without interest:

The number of "polled" Shorthorns (registered) in U.S.A. is equal to that of all Shorthorns in Scotland, and there are more "polled" Herefords in U.S.A. than there are horned Herefords in England. The packers of U.S.A. protested against the losses they were sustaining from bruised meat in the carcasses of horned cattle. They claimed that these losses were equal to a difference of 5 to 10 cents per 100 pounds in favor of the dehorned as against the horned beasts. About 1870 breeders set out to dehorn their cattle by using a Shorthorn bull on polled cows of various breeds or of unknown ancestry, and breeding in and in to the progeny. In twenty years time they had succeeded so well—records having been kept—that their standard for registration was four-fifths Shorthorn blood in the sire and an equal proportion in the dam, and in 1905 they "closed" their book. The cattle so registered were, of course, not pure-bred Shorthorns; they are known as "single standard" Shorthorns, recognised to be deficient in respect of the 100 per cent. standard, but we imagine that to all intents and purposes they are a pure breed.

Evolving a Breed

The "double standard" strain of polled Shorthorns, or as they were technically designated, "polled Durham" cattle, springs from five "sports" which appeared in pure-bred herds of Shorthorns descended from cattle registered in Coates' Herd Book. These five, three heifers and two bulls, are all entered and numbered in the American Shorthorn Herd Book. The most influential of the five was Oakwood Gwynne 4th, and she was the only one of the five that had slight scurs. Mated first to a registered bull, this polled sport produced twin heifer calves, both roan and both hornless. Mated next with a different bull she produced a red hornless bull calf. One of the twins mated to an ordinary pedigree Shorthorn bull produced a hornless heifer calf, the other mated with her red hornless half-brother dropped a polled heifer calf. Mr. Miller, of Ohio, got possession of these cattle. He kept within the four corners of the registered Shorthorn breed, and from these descendants of Oakwood Gwynne 4th, and in a less degree from the descendants of the other four "sports" referred to, the highly useful breed of pure-bred polled Shorthorns of U.S.A. has been evolved.

The first double grandson of the American polled Shorthorn cow Oakwood Gwynne 4th was Ottawa Duke, produced by mating half brother and sister. He lived until he was ten years old, and left 129 registered offspring. He did not sire a horned calf.

New Drying-off Process

Mr. W. E. Budgett, a well-known breeder and judge of Jerseys, writing in

The Grain Growers' Guide the June issue of The Jersey Cow, describes a new system of drying off from which he has, he says, had very good results. Mr. Budgett's letter is as follows:—

"May I give your readers the benefit of my experience of Mr. Boutflour's tip for drying-off Jersey cows? The drying-off process is far more feared by herdsmen than the risk of calving; all sorts of practices are in vogue—starvation, keeping short of water, irregular milking, sometimes for a considerable period—often with garget and lost quarters as a result. All this means that if a great yielding cow is to calve again anywhere nearly within twelve months and have the necessary six weeks' rest, the drying-off has to be prepared for when the cow has been milking only nine or ten months, and she may still be giving two or three gallons a day."

"The new system is to milk and feed and water as usual up to a couple of days of the time she should be dry, then her concentrates should be knocked off, but not the twice-a-day milking. On the chosen day she should be milked out clean, the teats carefully dried and then a spot of Stockholm tar or collodium painted over the orifice and end of each teat. The udder must not on any account be touched again or stripped out, or the cow washed or groomed, and it is a good plan to keep her away from other cows at milking time. By the third day the udder will be greatly distended, with possible discomfort to the cow, but the distension will quickly subside by absorption of the fluid into the body of the cow, and in about ten days she will be dry."

"The steaming up for the next lactation may begin on the fifth day after the sealing up. Should any teat leak after sealing up, the whole udder should be stripped out clean and resealed; this is not often necessary if collodium is used and carefully applied in two or three layers. I have carried out these instructions," says Mr. Budgett in conclusion, "with my heaviest milking cows and am delighted with the result; their udders have come down perfectly before calving, and a great deal of time, anxiety and risk of udder trouble has been saved. Should your readers or their men be nervous of trying so revolutionary a treatment on their most valuable cows, they may, at any rate, try it on one or two others until they gain sufficient confidence."

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Other winters this has gradually filled with ice, however carefully we tried to water the animals to prevent its doing so, consequently space had to be chopped out in the ice for drinking purposes every few days. On days when it was not fit to turn the animals out to water, it was necessary to pump the water into pails, carry into the barn, and to come back and pump again. Long before the watering was finished each pail had a thick coat of ice on it, and some of the cattle would not drink.

Now, on days when it is not fit to let the stock out to water, the trough is filled with water after the tank heater has been lighted. When the water reaches the desired temperature the pails are dipped into the trough and carried to the stock. Some of the cows have drunk as much as three pails in a morning and drank again in the afternoon.

Whenever the weather is reasonable, the cows are let out to water, and one cow we have particularly noticed has drunk regularly since the tank heater has been in use, whereas before she always drank in limited quantities and frequently refused water altogether. If the day is sufficiently mild and they are running to a straw stack, they can come and water whenever they wish, as there is always water there for them. There is no butting each other to get to drink at the warmest spot either, now the water is all warm. Nothing is so aggravating as trying to water a bunch of cattle in the winter and none of them can get there because the herd bosses in rotation won't permit anyone to drink with them, and they won't drink when the water is being pumped because it splashes their nose I suppose.

The horses will not drink the water as warm as the cattle will. Otherwise, after they once got used to seeing the tank-heater and its smoke, they seem to appreciate the change for the better.

For the farmer's wife it is better, too, because when cows calve they need water with the chill off the first few days and the hot water has to be produced in the house. In nine cases out of ten it is wanted in the stable at the same time it is required for washing the separator or dishes. So far I have not tried getting my washing water hot in the trough, though my good man tells me he could get it hot enough to scald a pig in. (Farmers' wives note that last item).—Cecilia L. Hill.

Head as Indicating Body

A veteran livestock judge writes the following after attending many of the British sheep shows during 1927:

"One point very noticeable on going through the various breeds this year was that in nearly every case where there was good width between the ears there one found a good broad back and a capital loin. This may not be an infallible test, but it was one applied by the writer to a large number of sheep, and the results seemed to bear out the suggestion that these points go together. A broad, level back and good wide loin are important points because they give plenty of room upon which meat can be built, and firm meat on the back attracts butchers all over the country; therefore, in selecting a ram it is as well to choose one that has good width between the ears. When once a ram has been obtained that has these good points and a capital leg of mutton into the bargain, then the flock-master will not go far astray if he uses him as much as he possibly can in his flock, for if well-bred and prepotent such a ram can stamp his character on the flock indelibly, and his use may be felt for generations after he has become mutton."

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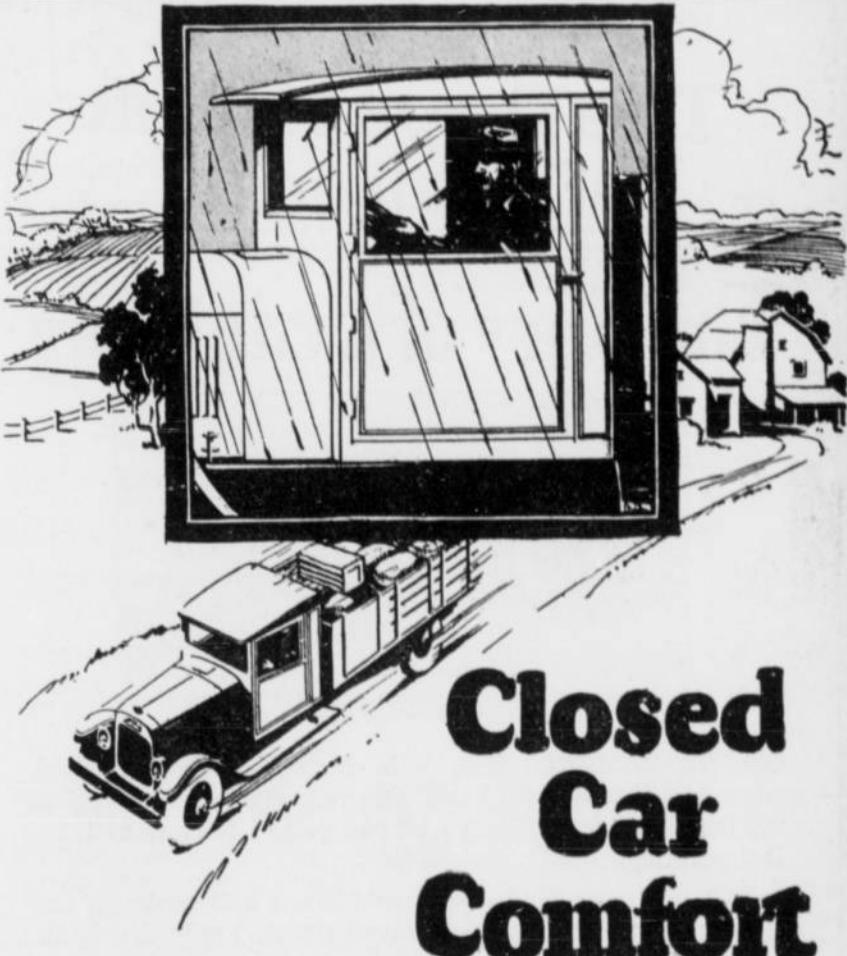
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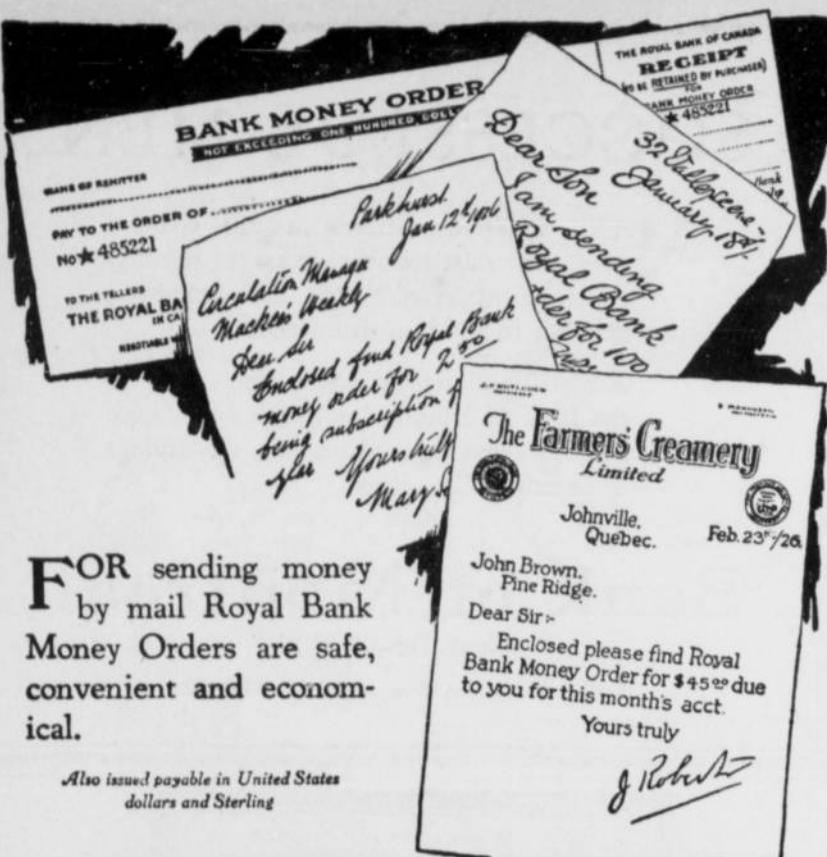
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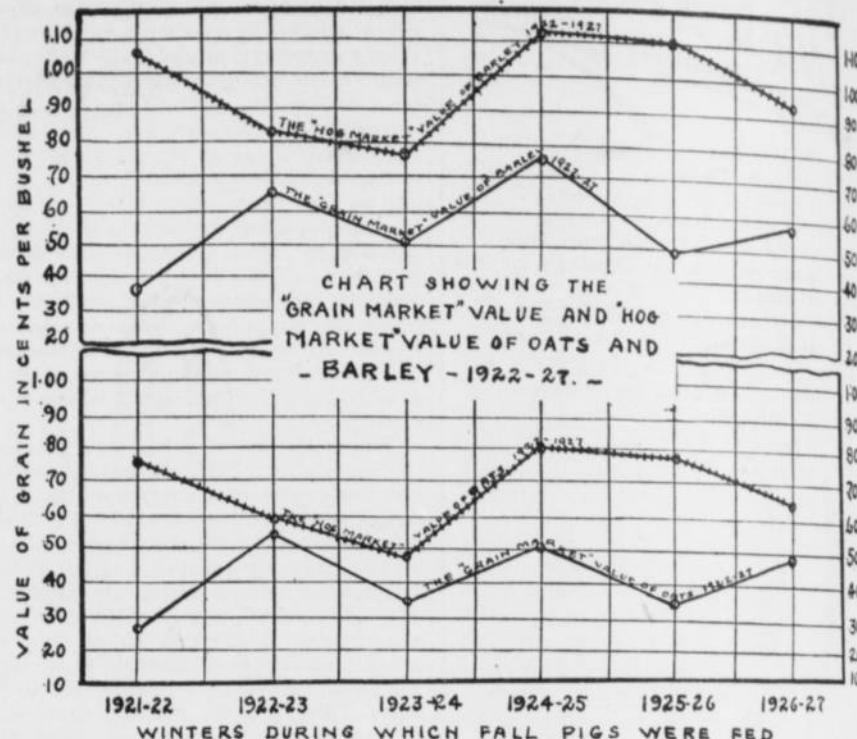
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In connection with our experiments dealing with this particular phase of swine management, we have found that tankage is the best single supplemental substitute for skim-milk. This meat meal by-product of the packing plants may be purchased at a price which is not out of line with its efficiency as a gain promoter and grain saver. It contains the majority of the elements which are apt to be lacking in the ordinary grains, and when fed at the rate of 10 per cent. of the ration after weaning, later reducing to 5 per cent. of the ration when the pigs reach a weight of approximately 75 pounds, it gives results which justify it being recognized as a leading swine feed.

The addition of linseed oil meal to the grain ration of fall pigs will work some improvement, but as a single supplement it cannot be relied upon. Alfalfa meal, when fed at the rate of 5 pounds to 95 pounds of a grain mixture, will supply some of the elements which are found in summer pasture, and which are likely to be lacking in the common grains, but it is a feed which is high in fibre and, for that reason, is open to criticism as a feed for small pigs.

Tankage, ground alfalfa and oil meal, when fed as single supplements to a grain mixture for fall pigs, will improve the ration; but when these feeds are combined and fed as a mixed supplement they give better results than when any one is fed alone. A very satisfactory combination which has been used successfully in the corn belt, and which has given good results at the University of Alberta, is, tankage 50 pounds, linseed oil meal 25 pounds, and alfalfa meal 25 pounds. This supplement is fed at the rate of 5 pounds to 95 pounds of grain.

In connection with this matter of supplemental feeds, it may be mentioned here that the pigs already referred to, which marketed oats at 67 cents per bushel and barley at 95 cents per bushel on a six-year average, were fed skim-milk until they reached the 50-pound stage and from then on were fed tankage at the rate of 5 per cent. of the grain mixture.

For Pigs Which Cannot Root

Of the various elements necessary for efficient development of fall pigs, which may be lacking in the grains, mineral matter is probably the most important. If such fundamental minerals as salt and lime are lacking, or cannot be utilized, growth is slow and uneconom-

ical. Fall pigs which are not supplied with the necessary minerals, particularly when confined in dark pens, are likely to develop unthriftiness at an early stage, and eventually stiffness if not even well marked symptoms of rickets.

It is as well to bear in mind here that skim-milk and tankage are both rich in mineral matter, and when these supplements are being fed there is less danger of mineral deficiencies developing. When they are not available, or are not being fed in sufficient volume, the pigs should be allowed access to some form of mineral mixture.

In our experience, fall pigs will do as well on simple home-made mixtures as on more complex and expensive ones. A simple mixture which has given good results is made up of 76.5 pounds of slack coal, 2.5 pounds of air-slaked lime, 20 pounds of salt, and 1 pound of sulphur. Another mixture which has saved many bushels of grain, but which is somewhat more expensive, is made up of slack coal 98 pounds, bone-meal 60 pounds, salt 40 pounds, sulphur 2 pounds, and Potassium Iodide 1 ounce.

These mixtures have been built around a base of slack coal, of which pigs are very fond. Salt and lime alone form a concentrated mixture which pigs do not find attractive, but when these are mixed with soft coal a "blend" which has their entire approval is secured. These mixtures may be kept before the pigs at all times in small self-feeders or other suitable receptacles. It is better to feed mineral mixtures by the free choice system rather than mix them with the grain. In this, as well as in other matters, the pig shows a great deal of good judgment.

Grain Combinations

The question of the most suitable grain combinations for fall pigs is one that is worth considering for a few moments. If the grain bins are well stocked with oats and barley, it is not necessary to worry about other grains for fall pigs. A number of our experiments have indicated that oat and barley combinations will put gains on pigs as rapidly as, and more economically than, combinations which include some of the more or less expensive mill feeds.

When oats and barley are of good quality, it has been found that one cannot afford to pay more for shorts than oats and barley are worth on a pound for pound basis. If the oats and barley are of poor quality, the addition of shorts may improve the palatability of the ration, thereby giving the shorts a higher "hog market" value. It is well to keep in mind, of course, that in connection with this "mixing" business the proper blend of oats and barley must be used if the best results are to be secured. Suitable combinations of oats

and barley, from weaning time to the time pigs reach market weight, are as follows:

Weight of pig	Oats Parts	Barley Parts
40-60 pounds	3	1
60-100 pounds	2	1
100-150 pounds	1	1
150-200 pounds	1	3

We have used these proportions of oats and barley in pig production in quite an extensive way, and consider them efficient combinations in the light of the pigs' requirements at various stages of growth, and from the standpoint of the development of the proper type and finish at market weight. When low grade or feed wheat is available, it may be substituted for barley in the above mentioned proportions, and will be marketed at approximately the same price per pound.

It may be interesting for those who have standard recleaned wheat screenings at their disposal for feeding that this feed has a high feed value for fall pigs. During the past two winters, pigs fed standard recleaned screenings at the rate of screenings (ground) 2 parts, oats (ground) 1 part, and barley (ground) 1 part (5 per cent. tankage, in addition) made the most rapid gains and returned the greatest profit over feed cost of any pigs on experiment. In a summer feeding experiment in 1926, with pigs on rape pasture, screenings purchased at \$18 per ton were marketed through hogs at \$50.80 per ton. In this case, of course, a low feed requirement and high hog prices combined to give the good result.

Sunlight a Factor

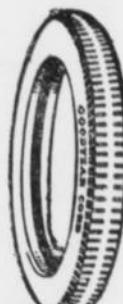
The fall pigs referred to in this discussion have not been closely confined in pens deprived of sunlight during the winter feeding period. They have had reasonably spacious quarters for exercise, have been fed in the open with full opportunity of exposure to the sunlight, though with the self-feeder protected from prevailing winds. This matter of exposure to sunlight may constitute the difference between success and failure in fall pig raising, although a definite statement in this regard cannot be made in the light of our present knowledge. It is known, however, that the ultra-violet rays play a very important part in connection with normal growth, and it has been noticed on various occasions that fall pigs confined in more or less dark pens are more subject to stiffness and kindred ailments than pigs which have access to the open air and exposure to the sunshine, particularly during the late winter and early spring months. February, March and early April sunshine tends to put back on their feet any pigs that may be crippled. The matter of outside feeding rather than close confinement should be given consideration in fall pig management.

Enough has been said about shelters, supplementary feeds and suitable "feed mixtures" in connection with the fall pig as a grain marketing organization. It may be repeated again that the fall pig, when given a reasonable chance, will market the coarse grains to better advantage than any man-made scheme yet adopted.



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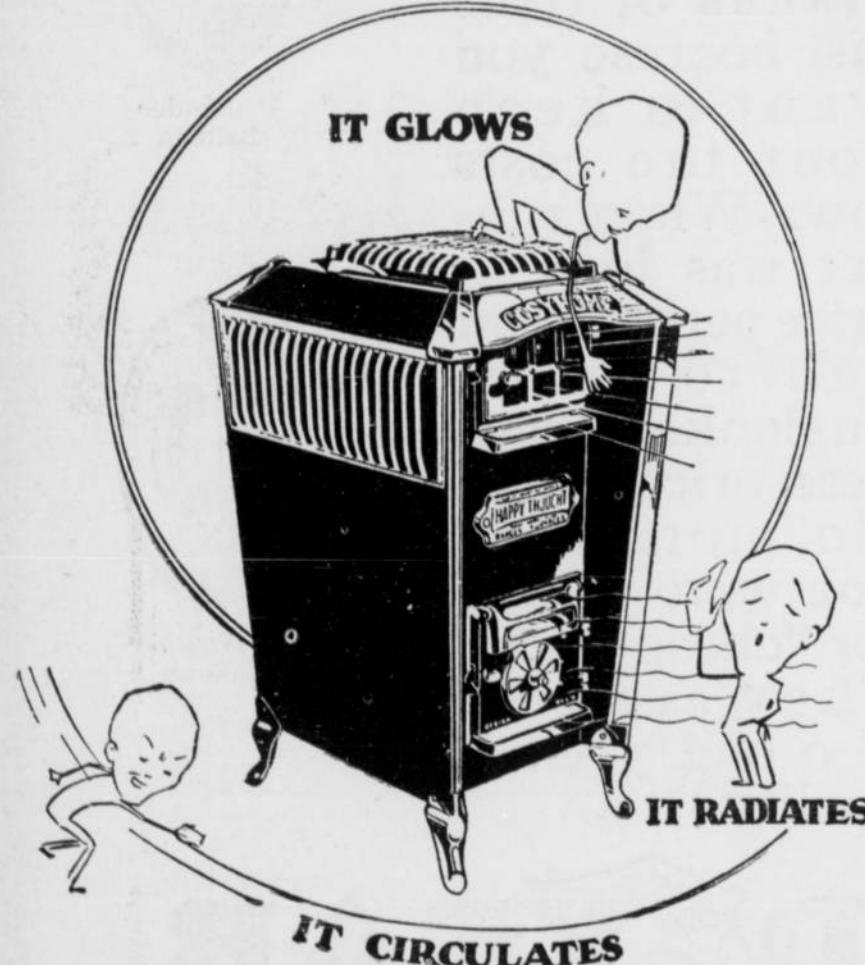


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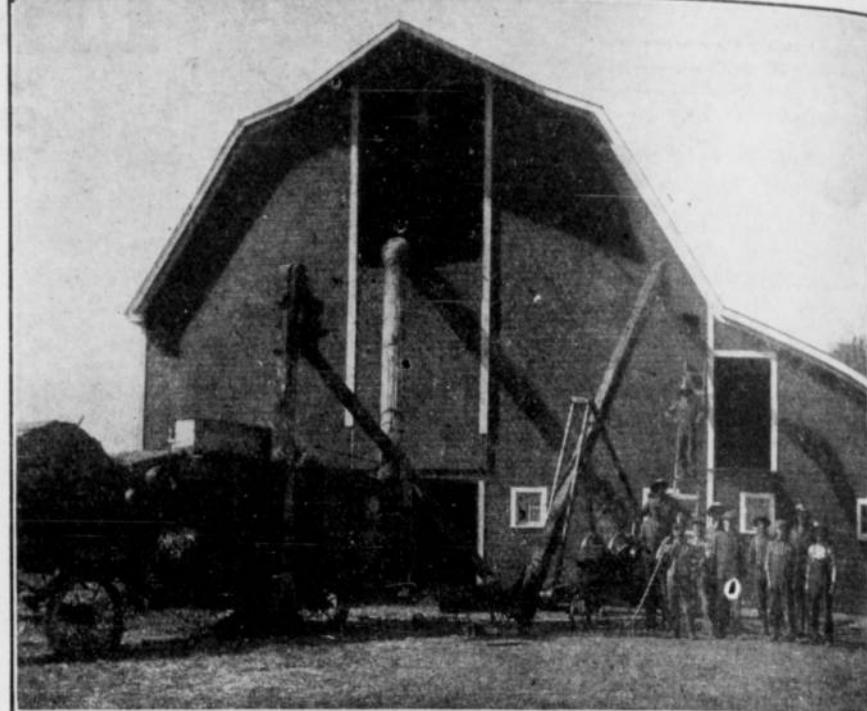
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Afield with Guide Farmers



Filling loft and grain bins at one operation on a Manitoba farm.

"Clover" Fallowing

D. E. Willard, agricultural agent for the Great Northern Railway, was a Guide visitor this week. Mr. Willard has been actively crusading against the sow thistle in the states covered by his road and the purpose of his Canadian visit is to compare notes with the best Manitoba practice in the control of this weed. He tells of some farmers who have reclaimed land in his state by alternating sweet clover crops with August plowing, the method which has been so successfully reported by farmers on the Portage plains of Manitoba.

Something of the same thing is in the mind of J. H. Radelyffe, Bagot, Man. In a long letter to the Guide, Mr. Radelyffe analyzes the economic disadvantage of summerfallowing to control weeds, and in no less decided manner declares against summerfallow substitutes, at least where perennial weeds abound. The alternative he suggests is a short rotation in which sweet clover or fall rye plays an important part, these crops being harvested early to permit of August plowing. Mr. Radelyffe says, in part:

Fallow Too Expensive

"This last few years we have found that although we kill our weeds and conserve moisture, the cost of summerfallowing, together with the loss of income on the field for the year, makes the practice a very expensive one. Soil drifting is also a factor to be considered and weighed against our present method and so any summerfallow substitute which is proposed must be considered with this harmful soil condition in view. Our problem then is to find a fallow substitute which will kill weeds, conserve moisture, prevent soil drifting, and at the same time pay expenses, and if possible a profit on the whole operation.

"First let us consider the work entailed in summerfallowing. We cannot get away from the fact that it costs money. Every stroke of the cultivator on a black fallow can be reckoned in dollars and cents. And that's no less true if a corn be grown as a fallow substitute. Last summer I watched several farmers trying out the plan of growing oats in rows 36 inches apart as a summerfallow substitute. In each case the oat crop entailed more work than a field of black fallow of the same acreage. The sow thistle growing in the rows was quite inaccessible and grew and blossomed in each field unharmed.

"The conclusions I drew from watching the experiment were that while a crop was produced, the sow thistle and other perennials were not destroyed, although the same amount of work would have made a perfect job of a black fallow. Soil drifting was not checked and there was no discernible benefit in the way of moisture conservation."

Growing sweet clover, Mr. Radelyffe believes, overcomes all these objections. Land can be prepared and the crop sown with the ordinary implements of the grain farm. He recommends sowing it with a nurse crop. Harvesting and storing ordinarily present no difficulties. The grower is saved the expense of keeping a fallow black all summer. He gets some remuneration in every year. As the crop is out of the way by August 1, plowing may start immediately and sufficient moisture can be stored in the remainder of the season to benefit the succeeding grain crop.

Everyone is aware of the theory of August plowing. It may be stated thus: While the sow thistle plant is in flower, its other, and more important organ of reproduction—the underground stem—is inactive. Vigorous tillage during the season of bloom will do more to check the spread of thistles than a greater amount of work spread over the whole season.

Rye As An Alternative

"Diverging from the straight clover program," says Mr. Radelyffe, "it may be found more suitable to substitute fall rye for part of the sweet clover crop. This would do away with the handling of such a large quantity of clover hay in a necessarily limited time. It would give to the farmer a good rye pasture until the sweet clover half of the fallow could be harvested. The stock could then be turned on to the clover stubble and the rye field plowed, and if necessary treated for sow thistle.

"This program of clover fallowing obviously necessitates energetic work at the right time to be carried out successfully. I doubt, however, if this will constitute a very serious drawback to any plan in times like these."

Turnways For Power Farmers

One of the annoying problems in the wider application of power to farm operations is the prompt and easy handling of the power machinery at the ends of the field. Even with the larger horse teams, especially with four or more horses in a strung-out hitch, it is troublesome enough in making the turns; but with tractor power, it is very quickly realized that the time-honored method of pulling out to the fence must be modified in some way. This is especially true with tractor and combine outfits.

One of the most effective ways of meeting this turning problem is by means of a turnway about two rods wide across the ends or all around each field, this strip to be kept in alfalfa, sweet clover, or hay crop which can be cut for several seasons and which can be run over between cuttings without serious damage. This of course takes around eight to ten acres out of active cultivation on a quarter-section field, or proportionally more with smaller fields, which may seem rather large to

those of us who have been brought up religiously to plow and cultivate just as close to the fence as possible. On the other hand most farms can use more alfalfa or other good hay than they ordinarily produce.

Keeping these turnways in good condition is not difficult if a little care is used in planning and laying them out and reasonable care used in lifting the plow at the end when plowing the main part of the field. In mowing a careful driver can cut practically everything on one side of the fence and all but about eight inches on the post side.

In conclusion such turnways besides solving the turning problem and putting these strips in a crop which probably will produce more profit than the main crop, will keep down all weeds and sprouts along the fence rows, and will add very much to the neat appearance of the farm.

Search For Rustless Wheat

One occasionally hears the fear expressed that new varieties of wheat produced by crossing Marquis with inferior rust-proof wheats in order to overcome rust losses, will in time lose the resistant property imparted to them by the cross. There is nothing to it, states Prof. L. A. Waldron, plant breeder at the North Dakota Agricultural College. He has followed for years the percentage rust infection in some of these crosses and declares they behave with remarkable constancy. New varieties that do well at the outset never gain or lose in respect to rust resistance. When the plant breeder once arrives at his goal of producing a good yielding wheat, acceptable to the miller, and armed against rust, his contribution to agriculture will be permanent.

Prof. Waldron also gives out the encouraging information that the degree of rust resistance present in new varieties is not limited to that of the best parent. For instance some Marquis-Kota crosses are more resistant than Kota, the best parent in this respect.

He reports on a new variety called Hope, produced by a South Dakota farmer, Edgar McFadden. Writing in the Dakota Farmer, he says:

"This wheat was produced, according to Mr. McFadden, by crossing Marquis and a kind of emmer (usually called spelt) known as Yaroslav.

"Practically speaking, it looks as though it might be called 'rust proof.' But that is not the end of the story for this remarkable wheat is also quite highly resistant to leaf rust, a disease causing less damage than stem rust.

"More yet can be said. Hope wheat, so far as we have learned, appears to be immune from both stinking smut and loose smut. It is 'smut proof.' What a record!

"Now, don't all besiege Mr. McFadden for a few bushels of this wheat. In the first place it will not go round and also, more to the point, it likely will not be a commercially desirable variety. You wonder why and the answer is not difficult. It appears to be very susceptible to root rot and brown chaff, the former disease particularly bad, and in addition it is not at all certain that it will prove to be a good yielder under ordinary conditions. It probably will not yield well.

"But even if it is not a commercially usable sort one need not worry as that is a matter of rather minor importance. Hope wheat has already been crossed with a number of named varieties and hybrid selections and the time will soon come when one or more of us will be able to announce a new variety of hard red spring wheat far superior to any now in existence. We may look for this new wheat to be essentially 'rust proof,' very resistant to leaf rust and probably free from both kinds of smut."

At one of the American agricultural colleges an experiment was conducted to determine the longevity of weed seeds. Seeds of various kinds were enclosed in glass bottles, which were left uncorked and buried mouth downwards to prevent the accumulation of water. After 40 years the following weeds germinated: black mustard, pepper grass, pigweed, rag weed, wild primrose, common plantain, purslane and curly dock.



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Egg and Poultry Pool Opens Pool For Live Poultry - - -

Regina, Saskatchewan, of the commencement on October 1 of a pool for live poultry.

It seems that the Pool is peculiarly fitted this year to handle live poultry, having acquired Feeding and Killing stations at four different points throughout the province—Regina, Saskatoon, North Battleford and Yorkton. At these points the shipments—which will come by car lots or by coop shipments through the express companies—will be assembled. Those birds which require fattening will be held for 10 or 14 days prior to killing and the others killed immediately and placed in freezers.

We understand from Pool officials that the advance payment will be made on receipt of the poultry at the car doors—where it will be graded—or, in the case

of coop shipments by express, immediately on receipt of the shipment.

As was the case last year the Pool will accept shipments of poultry from non-members to assist in attaining the desired volume. These non-member producers will, we understand, pay a fee of 50 cents per shipment for the privilege of utilizing the facilities of the Pool.

Pool officials appear quite enthusiastic and confident that—given the loyal co-operation of their members—this pool for live poultry will function without a hitch. Asked regarding plans for the marketing of dressed poultry the Pool management informs us that it will be a separate pool by itself—details of which will be announced later.

News from the Organizations

Canadian Council of Agriculture

The regular fall meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture will be held at Winnipeg, commencing on November 8, and will probably last two or three days. Delegates are expected from Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec and the subjects on which they will confer will include the regulations for the establishment of a grading system for dressed poultry, the revision of the hog grading system, a number of transportation questions affecting the shipment of grain and livestock, administration of the townsite at Fort Churchill, the establishment of a national bank of issue and rediscount, and other matters of interest to farmers throughout the Dominion.

A. E. Darby, director of the economic research department of the council, is at present at Ottawa attending the session of the Tariff Advisory Board, where he is doing a most valuable work in opposing applications made by a number of manufacturers for increased tariff protection and in giving support to requests for tariff reductions.

United Grain Growers

Progress of construction at the new U.G.G. terminal elevator at Port Arthur was inspected by the Board of Directors of the company last week at the close of a regular board meeting in Winnipeg.

Construction is proceeding at a very satisfactory rate and the elevator will be in a position to handle grain ahead of the date hoped for when it was first planned.

Already the inshore storage section, with a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels of grain, is almost complete. The central workhouse, where receiving, weighing, cleaning and shipping work is carried on, is nearly completed, rising to a height of 200 feet from the water level. The scales are being installed, and within two weeks installation of machinery will commence.

The two pictures published herewith give an idea of the present appearance of the elevator. One shows the inshore storage section and the workhouse. The other shows the pile foundation of the outshore storage section before erection of the concrete super structure was begun.

U.G.G. Shares

Almost every day brings requests to the office of United Grain Growers for an opportunity to buy shares in the company. For a number of years very little new stock has been issued by United Grain Growers, but from time to time shares come on the market in settling up an estate, or where a shareholder finds it desirable, for any reason, to sell his shares. All such offerings have been rapidly taken up, either by former shareholders who desire to increase their investment in the company, or by other farmers who see in U.G.G. shares a desirable investment for their

surplus funds. While shares of the investment value of U.G.G. shares should be sold only in cases of necessity, any shareholder who feels compelled to sell should get in touch with the secretary of the company at Winnipeg, to be placed in touch with offers to buy. So keen has the demand been, that several brokerage houses, with farmers among their clients, have been advertising in different papers throughout the West their willingness to purchase U.G.G. shares. Only to a small extent have they been successful in finding shares for sale.

The shareholders of United Grain Growers have insisted that only farmers may become shareholders, and that no one person should have more than a limited holding of stock. This, together with the local system of representation, ensures control of the company being always retained by farmers. Were it not for these restrictions, there is no doubt that shares of the company would have risen in price very much above their par value. The general public will eagerly buy, at much advanced prices, shares in a company on an eight per cent. dividend basis if its record and its balance sheet indicate anything like the strength of United Grain Growers.

U.F.C., Saskatchewan Section

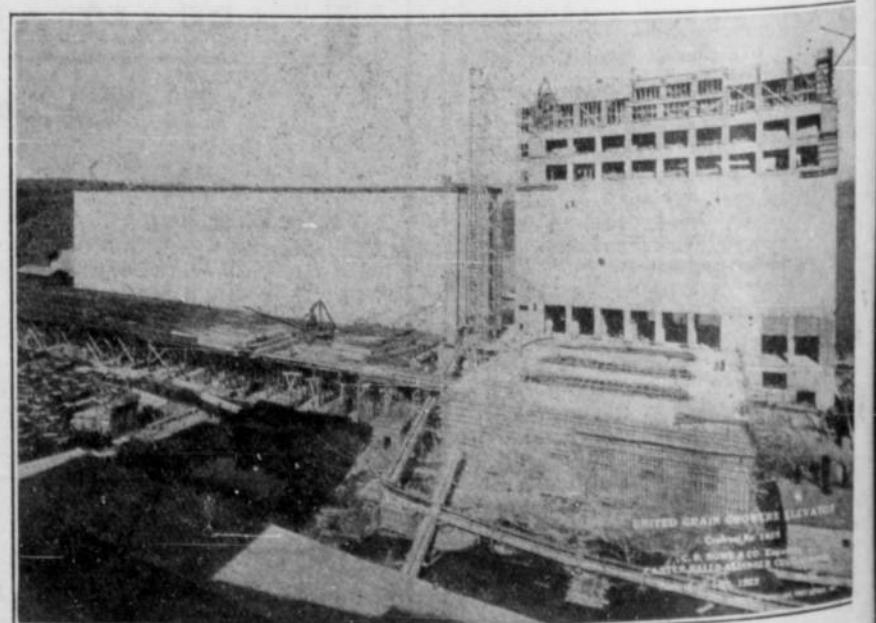
Farmers who are outside of the United Farmers of Canada, are sometimes curious to know what the organization stands for, and what it is doing. The following are some of the present activities of the organization.

The U.F.C. uses the whole strength of its organization to support and develop the pooling method of marketing farm products. It was the organized farmers who brought the pool into being. It is the organized farmers who are educating the farmers to the co-operative idea.

The U.F.C. is at the present time trying to bring together the co-operative stores, the trading department of the U.F.C. and our trading units for the purpose of establishing a co-operative wholesale buying organization. By buying co-operatively we can buy cheaper, and every farmer and farm woman will realize the advantages to be derived from economical buying.

The U.F.C. has its own legal department and has the full time services of a lawyer imbued with our co-operative ideals. This means our members will be able to get free advice and have free consultations and thus may be saved much useless and expensive litigation. This department will also be occupied in watching legislation in the interests of the producers.

The U.F.C. research department is investigating many matters of interest to the farmers of Saskatchewan, such as group insurance, health facilities, interest rates, freight charges, etc. The department is also at the service of locals and local councils for definite



Inshore storage section and workhouse of new U.G.G. terminal elevator at Port Arthur as they appeared on September 16.

Views of the new 5,500,000-bushel terminal now

data on all matters of interest to the organization.

The U.F.C. is using every possible means for developing an interest in the proposal for a free consultative clinic for the province. The main object of the clinic will be the prevention of sickness and disease by placing within the reach of all the very best modern medical diagnostic skill. This is a bold step for the tackling of the problem of public health. As Seneca said: "Man does not die; he kills himself." The clinic will assist by timely examinations and wise counsel from habits of life which are undermining health.

The U.F.C. is working for better conditions in rural schools. It would like to see better trained teachers for rural children, better equipment in country schools, and the abolition of closed rural schools due to lack of sufficient local funds.

The U.F.C. women members are working for higher standards of life for the domestic worker; gathering information on labor-saving devices for the home; developing scientific housekeeping, the feeding and training of children and in studying the value of foods and health habits.

In view of the above activities, the value of which to the farmers of the province it would be difficult to assess, the United Farmers of Canada is drawing into its ranks the enlightened farmers and farm women of the province.

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool

The date of the annual meeting of the delegates of the Saskatchewan Cooperative Wheat Producers Limited has been fixed by the board of directors for October 26. Nomination papers in connection with the election of delegates for the coming year have been mailed out and nominations will close on Tuesday, November 8, at 6 p.m. Election by mail ballot will follow the close of nominations, and it is expected that the elections will all be completed early in December. Every nomination received at head office must be signed by six contract signers living within the sub-district, and it must also bear the consent of the candidate to the nomination.

CJBR will conduct its first broadcast of the 1927-28 season on Thursday evening, October 13, from 7.30 to 8.30. The call letters CJBR which have been allotted to the radio station of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, were selected because of the words they represent, "Co-operation Justified By Results," than which no more fitting slogan could be found to represent the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

It has been announced that the next Interprovincial Wheat Pool conference between the wheat pools in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, will be held in Regina on October 20. Since the second broadcast of CJBR for the coming season takes place on that evening, it is expected that representatives of the Alberta and Manitoba pools will address Saskatchewan pool members over the radio.

Approximately \$1,600,000 will rep-

resent the amounts credited to Saskatchewan Wheat Pool members as excess elevator charges for the 1926-27 season. Pool members who have delivered grain to pool country elevators, shipped platform grain to pool terminals, or diverted cars of pool grain from country houses of line elevator companies to pool terminals for the last crop year, will be credited with their share.

According to a decision of the central board of the Canadian wheat pools, the initial payments on all grades of oats was increased by 6 cents, going into effect at that time and applying to all oats delivered after July 15. The increased prices are on the basis of 40 cents for 2 C.W. oats Fort William as against 34 cents, the price previously announced. Pool members who delivered oats since July 15 on the basis of the initial payment first announced, received an additional 6 cents per bushel.

United Farmers of Manitoba

Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., has been asked to address our twelve district conventions on organization work. She has chosen as her subject, Tasks That Lie Ahead. President A. J. M. Poole will also be present and will speak on Three Essentials to Rural Organization.

The District Conventions will occur in the following order:

Brandon District at	Brandon	Oct. 24
Souris "	Boissevain	25
Lisgar "	Manitou	26
Provencher "	Morris	27
Macdonald "	Carman	28
Selkirk "	Winnipeg	29
Swan River "	Swan River	31
Dauphin "	Dauphin	Nov. 1
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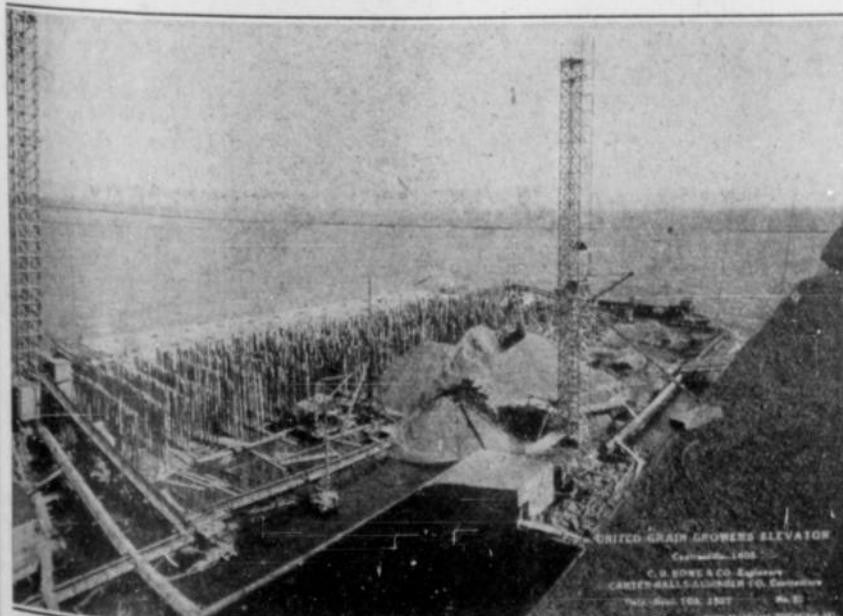
R. C. Brown, provincial secretary of the United Farmers of Manitoba, reports an interesting trip to the Lac du Bonnet country last week-end. In company with Wm. Childe, Dominion Land Agent, Mr. Brown journeyed by motor launch fourteen miles up the lake to Lettonia on organization work for the U.F.M.

As the name of the district indicates, the people are Lettish, coming from a section of Russia, although many of them have come to Canada from Brazil, while others formerly lived in the United States. The people as a whole are a fine, intelligent and progressive type, speaking English fairly well and in many cases reading it.

The community extends for several miles around the shores of the island which is formed by the Pinawa channel and Lac du Bonnet, which are really branches of the Winnipeg river. Although the island is connected to the mainland by a bridge the roads are in poor condition, and as a result the method of travel is largely by boat. This of course directly influences the type of farming and only limited amounts of grain are grown. The chief sources of income are poultry-raising and dairying. A considerable acreage is given over to potato-growing.

The community of Lettonia has its own hall and piano which are owned by

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Foundation of offshore storage section of U.G.G. terminal section as it appeared on September 16.

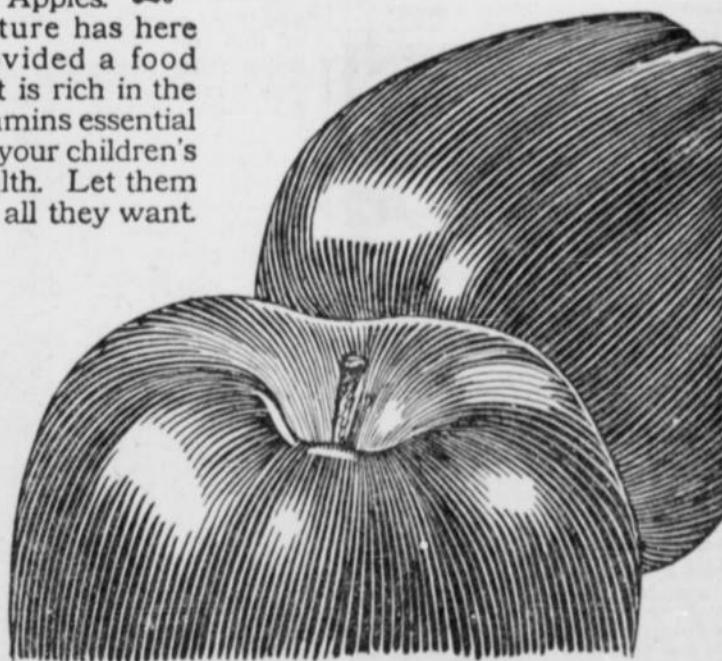
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A Souvenir of Jubilee Year

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Why not start a Canada Jubilee scrap book? In it might be placed the story of the confederation of the Canadian provinces and the special story of how one's native province came in. One could place in it some of the best speeches which have been or are made during this year by statesmen or other people interested in Canada's welfare. One could place in it pictures, clipped from the current newspapers, of some of the leading events of this year. For instance pictures of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' recent tour across Canada, pictures of the carillon installed in the Victory Tower, Ottawa, the throngs gathered for the celebration of Dominion day, this year. There are many news pictures and items which might suitably find their way into such a scrap book.

Teachers in our public schools have frequently complained that they are handicapped in their teaching of Canadian history by the lack of reference books and supplementary reading for their pupils. Such a scrap book would be a most helpful project for the girl or boy studying history. Some assistance should be given by an older person in the selection of the material. The possession of such a book should deepen interest in the history of their country. It would be a fitting souvenir, something worth preserving.

A Course in Diet

There is a growing interest among women today in the matter of proper diet for the members of their families. They realize, as never before, the important part it plays in good health and fitness for the tasks of life. There is an increasing demand for lectures and bulletins and other printed matter on this subject.

Manitoba is inaugurating this month something new in the way of a course in diet for homemakers. The Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture of that province is to give by radio, over CKY broadcasting station, a series of lectures on The ABC of Feeding the Family. The course is to be divided into three sections. One series will deal with the underlying principles of diet—what the body needs for growth and health and what foods best meets these needs. The second series will deal with Planning Three Meals A Day and the third with Keeping the Children Well.

The lectures will be given three times a week by Miss Isabelle Alexander. They will be given at an hour (3:45 p.m.) when it is hoped that the greatest number of homemakers will be

able to listen in. It is hoped in this way to be able to supply systematic instruction and to reach a greater number of women than it is possible to reach in any other way. The woman who is able to hear all of the lectures given will receive very valuable assistance which should be of great help to her in the problem of feeding her family properly.

There is to be a follow-up examination set at the close of each series of lectures. Examination papers will be sent to those who enrol. The papers will be returned to the Extension Service, marked and then returned to the student. To help defray the expenses of the work entailed in conducting these courses a registration fee of \$1.00 is asked. For those who have no radio in their home, a course-by-mail is to be provided. Those who wish to enter either the radio or mail course may do so by sending their names and addresses to the Extension Service at the Parliament buildings, together with the registration fee.

October is Here!

The leaves have stayed on the trees longer than usual this autumn. Because of the lateness of the season we have had a greener October than we have had for many a year in Western Canada. But already as these lines are being written yellow is beginning to show among the green. Already the leaves are beginning to fall. In the morning they lie piled in little drifts along the roadway. Gentle breezes catch them up and whirl them about.

We have some beautiful still days in autumn when there is scarcely a breath of air stirring. Then we may enjoy tramps in the woods. If one stands quietly one may hear the soft rustling of the leaves as they fall. Looking up into the tree tops one may see that picture so beautifully painted in words that sing, by Coleridge in his poem Christabel:

There is not wind enough to twirl
The one red leaf, the last of its clan,
That dances as often as dance it can,
Hanging so light and hanging so high,
On the topmost twig that looks up at the sky.

Autumn poetry is usually sad as reflected in Bryant's lines:

The melancholy days are come, the saddest
of the year,
Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and
meadows brown and sere.

But to the lover of nature, who delights in color, autumn is not sad. It is rather the most beautiful time of the year because of its gorgeousness of tints. There is a tang in the air, an acrid odor of the ripeness of vegetable, fruit and grain. There is a certain rest-

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fulness of things being put to sleep for winter, an added cheeriness to glow of lamp and fire.

Liver Has Value

It is fairly safe to hazard the statement that liver has not been in the past, regarded as a special dish in the average household. Now medical men and dietitians tell us that it has a very important role to play in the diet of people who are inclined towards anemia. It is one of the best blood builders.

It is not sufficient to have it for a single or occasional dish. It should be included regularly in the diet, preferably once a day in some form. In extreme cases of anemia it may be used twice a day. It is said that in a single week a marked impression in the blood count will result when a reasonable liver diet is followed. Combined with fresh fruit and suitable vegetables the benefits of this article of diet are not slow to make themselves known.

The skill and ingenuity of the cook will be taxed to cook and serve liver so that it will become a favorite and an attractive dish. If she will consult cook books she will find many recipes which will help her. Much of the value of liver depends on the manner in which it is cooked. It should never be overcooked or leathery. It should be cooked slowly and just sufficiently to make it toothsome. Calves liver is a delicacy and is usually more expensive than beef, lamb or pig's liver, but these other kinds are just as satisfactory from a diet standpoint.

Liver and bacon combined make a very good dish. Liver may be stewed, broiled, baked with a dressing of tomato, roasted with pork or made into a sandwich filling and used with bread or toast. It must be served in many ways or else the family will tire of it.

Anemia is a disease to be avoided because it saps the vitality of the individual. In pernicious form it is usually fatal. Mothers armed with the new knowledge of the importance of liver in the diet will at least be able to partially safeguard the health of the members of their families.

Salaries of Women in Business

Many things are discovered in these modern days, both in this country and the United States, by the use of questionnaires. In fact one might say that the questionnaire habit has become fixed with most lines of business. An American magazine, The Independent Woman, has been making a survey to discover the earning power and the expenditures of business women.

They chose the special field of what was likely to be the highest paid class of salaried women. They did not attempt to average all classes of workers. The questionnaires were sent out to those who held membership in business and professional women's clubs.

The result of this study is interesting. It shows the remarkable way in which women have risen in the wage-earning world. The "average woman" thus arrived at earns \$3,080 a year, spends \$538 for clothes annually, \$27.80 for cosmetics and \$56.40 for books. There are 78 chances in 100 that she carries life insurance, 75 that she owns bonds, 30 that she has traveled abroad, 53 that she keeps house and 78 that she is either single or widowed."



Miss Isabella Preston at work in the gardens at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Miss Preston studied gardening in England and took up special plant breeding work for Prof. Crow at Queleph. In 1920 she went to Ottawa and started to work with plants at the Experimental Farm. Her speciality is plant breeding of ornamental plants. Last year Miss Preston wrote a bulletin on annual flowers which was published by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Timely Hints

Which have been found helpful

It has always been a problem for me to remember at canning season, just how I canned the various fruits the year before. Now I keep a record—not only of the quantity of fruit canned but of the method and number of quarts I had from each crate of fruit used. I do the same with pickles and catsup and mark the date. In the margin of my little canning diary I add comments after the various articles have been used such as: "too sweet" or "just right." This not only saves me a lot of time when time is very valuable but I find it very interesting to compare one year with another. I find it also very helpful to note down the price paid for fruit each year.—Mrs. G. M., Alta.

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The humble clothespin is one of my handiest aids in the kitchen. When making jelly I stretch cheesecloth across a deep bowl or saucepan, leaving the cloth quite slack and clip it to the sides of the saucepan with several clothespins. It never slips and is much easier to manage than the time-honored jelly bag. Several of my most used recipes are clipped together with a clothespin and kept in a handy drawer and are always easy to find. In winter the children's mitts are clipped together and hung together behind the stove to dry. Thus I save many minutes looking for lost mittens.—A. A., Man.

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My white crotchet bedspreads were worn thin at the ends. I took some fine factory cotton, cut two lengths each eight inches wide for each spread end. This I sewed on the under side with a long machine stitch. Then I procured mercerized darning cotton and darned the worn places, catching the cotton underneath, here and there. I followed the pattern of the spread closely. Now my bed spreads are good for many more years of service.—Mrs. J. W., Sask.

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The rubber washers on my two cream cans were worn so thin as to be useless. I took the thickest part of an old ear tube and cut from it four washers a trifle larger than the old ones. I pierced a hole in the centre with sharp pointed shears. I put two on each tap and find that they are quite satisfactory.—Mrs. J. W., Sask.

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I needed a pantry but had none, so I took a very large dry goods box and stood it on end. I put shelves in the upper part for dishes and groceries. In the lower part I keep flour, oatmeal, etc. I cut the lid of the box in two for doors and hung them on hinges. Now I have a fine moveable pantry.—Mrs. J. W. F., Man.

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When dyeing a garment gather up the left-over cuttings of the cloth and put them in the dye bath with the garment. Then when a worn spot comes in the garment you will have a patch with which to mend it or from which you may take a thread to do a little bit of darning.—Mrs. L. L., Man.

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Stitch a loop of tape to the upper part of baby's stockings, through which safety pins can be easily adjusted to hold the stockings to the side of the diaper. I find that this plan saves much darning.—Mrs. C. M., Man.

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I find a good way to keep suet and have it ready when one wants it in a hurry is to grind it fine and put it in a sealer. Shake flour over it and seal tight. It keeps well in this manner.—Mrs. J. W. F., Man.

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A simple way to retain the polish on brass finished beds, eads, etc., is to give them a thin coat of clear varnish, after cleaning them thoroughly. I used Valspur on one 18 months ago and it still looks like new.—M. B., Alta.

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If castors slip out of furniture try wrapping the shanks of the castor with rubber bands before slipping them into place. Mrs. C. M., Man.

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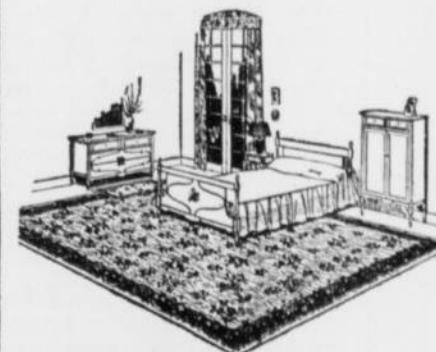
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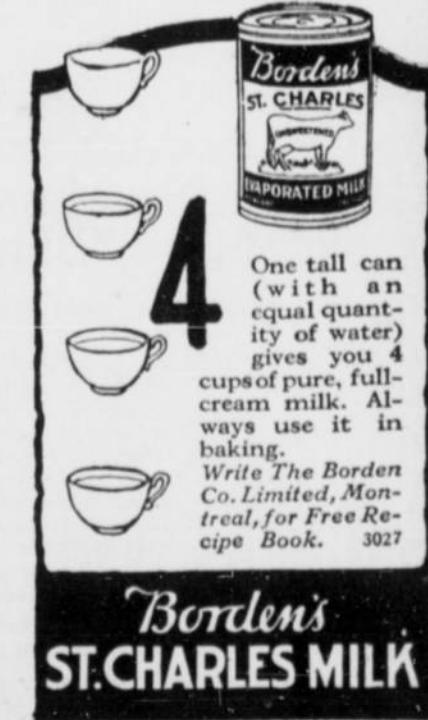
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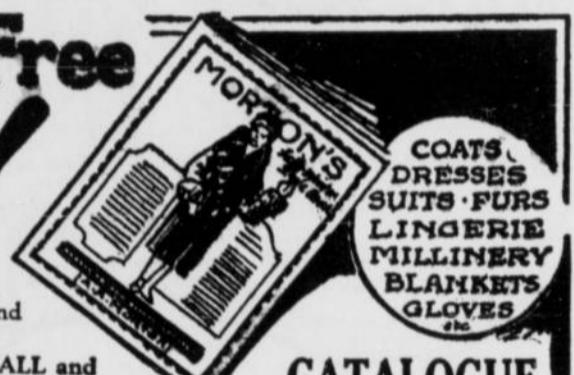
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Relining a Coat

Directions for a task which may face the home sewer

By ELEANOR G. McFADDEN

C OAT linings have a very annoying habit of wearing out long before the coat itself can be discarded. The relining of the coat is a task which many women would hesitate to attempt, but it can be accomplished quite successfully if the old lining is ripped and used as a pattern.

The old lining should be pressed carefully before laying it on the new material. If the old lining is very badly worn or is of very soft stretchy material, it would save time to cut a paper pattern from it first, being sure that the proper seam allowance has been left.

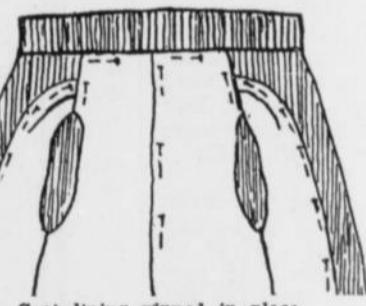
After cutting the new lining, join back and front at underarm seams and press open. If there is a seam down the centre back stitch this also, and press open. The seams should be notched every inch or two to allow spring in the seams.

The coat should be cleaned and pressed ready for the new lining. Pin the lining to wrong side of the coat, having the underarm seams accurately matched, and working downwards from armhole baste seams together from inside. The original lining has had a small pleat like a dart in the front at the shoulder to prevent strain and to make the lining fit snugly on the shoulder. This pleat should now be laid in the new lining and stitched on the wrong side. The dart or pleat should extend about five inches below the shoulder line and should graduate to nothing. Pin the front shoulder in place at seam, lap back of shoulder over front and pin in place at shoulder seam.

The back lining will be too large for the coat, but the extra fullness is to allow for the pleat down the centre back. This should now be pinned in place. Later it will be pressed and caught at the top. The pleat at the back is to give greater ease and to prevent the lining from drawing the outside cloth out of shape.

Fit Carefully

Next turn the neck and front edges of the lining under and pin in place being sure to keep a good even line. If the coat is turned inside out and put on a dress form, the work will be greatly facilitated. The lower edge of the lining should be turned under and pinned also, but the lining should be allowed to bag just a little. The edge should be one-half to one inch shorter than the coat. This method of finishing with extra length allowed avoids any possibility of the lining appearing too short for the coat when it is worn. The



Coat lining pinned in place

shoulder seams of the interlining is overlapped and the seams tacked to the shoulder seams of the coat. The front edge of the interlining is basted to the coat facing. The back lining portion is slip stitched over the front lining at the shoulders, the front edge of lining is slip stitched to the coat facing. Baste lower edge of lining up over interlining and slip stitch lining to coat. The sleeve interlining is tacked to the lining of the sleeve at the seam; place seams together. The top of the interlining and lining sleeves are stitched together just above the seam allowance and the interlining seams cut within one-eighth inch of stitching. Turn both interlining and lining sleeves at top on the seam allowance and slip-stitch to the coat lining.

Just What is Duty?

A woman who changed her viewpoint

By MARILLA R. WHITMORE

IT was a fearfully hot day. The kitchen was fairly boiling and the farm wife frying doughnuts. The range was as hot as ranges can be on hot summer days. I was only a visitor at this farm house, but the good wife was a friend of mine, so I felt privileged to remonstrate with her for standing over a hot stove on such a day. "Why don't you give them a sealer of fruit and some bread and butter, and do that when it is cooler?" I asked.

"Oh, I always bake doughnuts on Wednesdays, no matter what kind of a day it is," she replied. The boys wouldn't know what to think if they found the doughnut jar empty. Just then one of the boys rushed in: "Goody, goody, doughnuts! Give me some mother!" He dashed to the table and collected as many hot doughnuts as his

fingers would hold, slipping them on his fingers like rings, one by one. It must have taken a good fifteen minutes to bake just the amount he took.

"Seems as if Willie looks a little thin and pale," I remarked. "Oh, he is alright, it's just the weather." "Does he drink lots of milk?" I asked. "No, neither of the boys will drink milk anymore; they say they are too old to drink milk like a baby." I thought to myself that a bowl of bread and milk would be better than a lot of greasy doughnuts.

I had agreed to stay for tea if I were allowed to help get it, and during the course of our work we had time to do a lot of talking as women will.

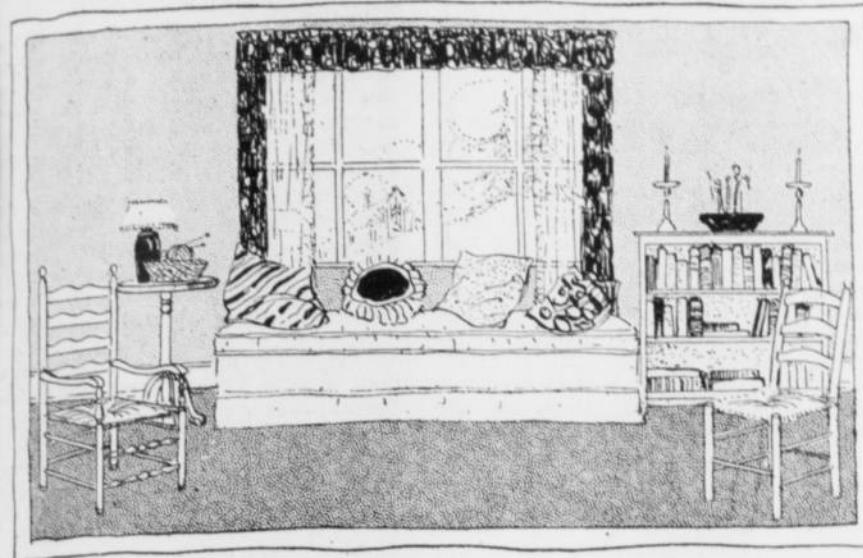
"It seems to me that you go out a lot," commented my friend. "Bill is

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The Living-room

This is the season when coziness and color mean most to us all

By MARGARET M. SPEECHLY



In the chilly months of the year I believe we need to make our living-rooms cosier than at other times, chiefly because we use them more. If yours seems drab, dull and uninviting try using some of the magic of rearrangement. To start with, the secret of a cosy atmosphere lies in the grouping of furniture attractively. When chairs and other pieces are placed stiffly against the four walls, in no particular relation to each other, the general effect lacks friendliness, while if they are grouped according to use, the room soon takes on an aspect of hominess. There are several ways of doing this depending upon the size of the room, the kind of furniture and the position of the windows. Try placing an armchair or rocker on either side of a prettily curtained window, pulling them slightly towards each other and between them put a small table or a wide shelf for a lamp, magazines, knitting or a pot of bulbs. A cushion in each chair and a footstool completes a group to which people will naturally gravitate.

Nearly every house has its couch or lounge or davenport which can be used as the nucleus for another group. If it has arms, a small end-table at one or both ends will hold a lamp and the latest magazines so that at least two people can read in comfort. If you have a small drop-leaf table you can lower one leaf and place it against the end of the couch. At the other side of this table, and at the opposite side of the lounge, put a comfortable easy chair or rocker, turning them both slightly inwards to make conversation easy. A footstool and plenty of cushions add still more comfort to this cosy group.

If your couch has no arms the small end-tables probably would not fit in so well, but the same position for two chairs will still be attractive. One excellent plan is to flank a couch of this kind with a bookcase on either side. If you already have the sectional kind, they'll do nicely, but if not, get dad or the boys to make some. They are not at all hard to construct, and it depends on your personal preference as well as on the lines of the room whether they extend to the ceiling or a part of the way up. The best of the shorter bookcases is that you can use the tops like a mantel-piece for a clock flanked by a pair of candlesticks, a piece of pottery or a bowl of bulbs. Such things as these help to create an attractive atmosphere in any living-room.

A Friendly Arrangement

Of course if you are lucky enough to possess a fireplace you have a centre for a most delightful group without the slightest trouble. An easy chair on either side of the hearth at right angles, with the couch in front of the fire a few feet away, makes the most friendly arrangement anyone could wish for. Bookcases on each side of the fireplace invite anyone to read. An alternative scheme is to let the boys make built-in seats instead of bookcases and under-

neath you can keep games or extra music.

Another attractive type of grouping can be centred around a built-in window seat, well padded and supplied with cushions of various shapes and colors. On one side of this seat put a ladder-back rocker with a small table close at hand and at the other side place a desk or secretaire with the light from the left. Quite often the piano is not in a good situation. Never let it stand diagonally across a corner of the room but back it against a wall where the light will fall over the left shoulder of the person who plays. Draw up a comfy chair at each side turning them both inwards slightly. A small table, shelf or bracket near the piano for holding a lamp is really a necessity because the family cannot fully enjoy playing or singing when the light is poor. If the children are young and full of life, a hanging lamp is probably the safest thing. In a very long room you might find it a good scheme to place the piano at right angles to a wall in a good light. A decorative screen or a handsome piece of fabric could be used to hide the unsightly back.

Balance the Groups

Whether or not to have a centre table depends upon the size and shape of the room. If it is small and square, or long, and very narrow the table would probably look better at the side or at one end of the room where it could form the centre of a group. However, the only way to work out these arrangements is to move the furniture around until you are pleased with the grouping. Whether the results are satisfying will depend on the way you balance the groups in each room. It is not a good plan, for instance, to put the piano and the davenport on one side or one end of a room because both are heavy pieces, but on opposite sides they balance each other. Windows and doors also have to be taken into consideration when placing the various pieces of furniture. Whatever happens don't make a practice of setting things cornerwise or at an angle—follow the lines of the room or you will produce an unrestful effect. Always lay rugs and mats parallel with the walls. Easy chairs are the only pieces that can with safety be placed obliquely and must necessarily be drawn towards each other slightly to create the effects you so much desire.

Even with the most perfect arrangement of furniture you'll find it hard to make a living-room cosy without books, those invaluable friends no family can afford to be without. Not only do they provide many an evening's entertainment for young and old, but they produce an atmosphere and color all their own. Too often books are stored away in some other part of the house or in a corner where you couldn't see the titles if you tried. The result is they are not read as much as they might be, so bring out those books of yours with their gay bindings of red, green, blue or yellow, and put them on shelves where



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they will tempt the family to read. Make use of the bindings in the general color scheme by placing a few on the table and by setting others between book-ends, and then stand back to see how satisfying is the effect. Those old-fashioned hanging bookcases are again very much in vogue, so if you have one in the attic, dig it out and let it help you to make the living-room inviting.

Treatment of Windows

Prettily dressed windows do much to produce an air of comfort. Today there are more beautiful designs in cretonnes than ever before, so it is not a difficult matter to secure just the right type of pattern. For winter there is nothing nicer than a design of flowers, foliage and possibly birds in a riot of colors that remind you of summer. Various light and dark backgrounds are on the market but for general wear you'll find the latter more serviceable because you can make them up into slip-covers as well. There's no use in buying materials that are spoiled by men's work clothes, for after all a room that's not usable will never be inviting. If you happen to possess a sofa or a chair that's shabby or unattractive treat it to a new frock of chintz and you'll be surprised how it helps to create a homey atmosphere. The cover can either be made of the same fabric as the curtains or of a plain material that harmonizes with it, or of a combination of the two. In fact more individuality can be introduced if there is variety in fabrics. Slip covers not only look nice but disguise

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ugly upholstery and marred woodwork so they are well worth making.

Many a room lacks cosiness because of a huge, bare archway occupying practically an entire side. Much can be done to improve its appearance by putting up portieres of the same cretonne as the curtains or the heavy rpp or denim used for slip covers. If you use chintz make the portieres double so that the pattern will show on both sides, and if the material is not heavy enough to ensure its hanging well, put in a lining of factory cotton or sateen. Another place in which a curtain of this type is a distinct addition is the doorway leading upstairs when it opens directly into the living-room. Not only does it provide a touch of color but it cuts off the draughts that always frequent a stairway.

Pictures

Very often pictures are considered a luxury instead of an important part of the children's education as well as the general color scheme. In fact it is almost impossible to create an atmosphere of cosiness without them. Reproductions of famous paintings are cheap today that no family can afford to be without a few good pictures.

If the floor covering in your living room is dull and dingy, try taking it up, staining the boards and putting down some of those quaint, old-fashioned hooked or braided rugs that are popular just now. Perhaps you have some of grandmother's stored away in the attic, but if not they are not hard to make and will add much to the attractiveness of the living-room.

Just What is Duty?

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always too busy to take me, or in too big a hurry, I never get anywhere."

"Why don't you learn to drive the Ford yourself, then you could go anytime?"

"Oh, I couldn't do that, and anyhow I don't have time to go." "But you don't keep a girl, how do you find so much time?" she asked.

"Some things have to go undone, that is all," I answered. "You know in Manitoba we are shut up so long during the winter that when the roads get smooth it behooves us to go out a little, or we would stagnate. I'm always ready. If I hear the car leaving the garage, even if it is just going to the blacksmith shop, I slip into a rain coat and am at the door before the car is away. They always stop long enough to let me get in. Often I can do the errand and the men can get on with the work. You know I can my meat in early spring, the time of the year when there isn't much moving around in the country, and there are always plenty of canned vegetables to do until the fresh ones come along, so it is no trick to get an emergency meal if I am delayed. True enough they do not get so much cake, pie and doughnuts as they did at one time, but I am better for it, the men are better and just as happy. I can mix up a batch of dropped biscuits that are made in a jiffy, they are just as tasty as the rolled out kind and a lot quicker. It was alright for the old fashioned woman to spend all her time in the kitchen, but for myself, I want to take short cuts.

"No woman is happy and contented if she is a slave to her family and her kitchen. When I have been shut in for a few weeks something begins to happen and first thing I know there are small earthquakes starting. When it gets to that point I pack my bag and run into the city over night and come back myself once more."

"Well, none of my folks can say that I haven't done my duty, by them," my friend replied, quite unimpressed by my talk.

"Duty, why you owe a duty to yourself as well as to your family. You tell me now that they don't ask you to go out anymore. Of course they don't, and you hang back and won't ask to go; you just cry a little and feel bad. I didn't even see you out to the Big Four picnic last week, and everybody in the country was there. No doubt you baked and brewed for a week to get the rest ready to go, then stayed at

home yourself. That is a poor kind of duty. You owe it to yourself to go out and see how others do, to get new viewpoints and contacts. You would lose about fifteen years if you would do that, and your family would be crazy about you, a lot more so than if you stood baking doughnuts for them all day long. First thing, I'd have that hair cut! Don't you know that few women wear it long now?"

"Do you really think so?" she murmured, going to the glass, over the sink. "It does look untidy, that's a fact, and I don't seem to have the time to keep it nice anymore."

The next time I saw my neighbor was at a community club meeting. True to her promise, she had her hair cut, and looked some ten years younger. A few new clothes had to be had once the hair was bobbed and my mouse-like neighbor fairly blossomed. Willie was with her, and looking so rosy and happy that I could not but comment upon the change.

"What are you doing to Willie?" I asked—"he looks so well!"

"Nothing much, only after you told me so much about my duty to myself, I stopped doing so much baking, and made the boys eat more bread and milk. It seems to agree with them better, too."

"Are you going up North to the picnic, tomorrow?" she asked. "If you are, I'll call for you, for I thought it was my duty to learn to drive the Ford and help the men do their errands." She chuckled to herself when I laughed. "Anyhow it is a lot of fun, and I am able to go more than I did when I couldn't drive. I often take the children and go to the city for a day; it is quite a change."

House Slippers for Children

The noise of children playing in the house, sometimes annoys adults. This is especially true when the children wear heavy shoes. A reader sent in a slipper made from plaited binder twine which would be excellent for children to slip on in the evening. The braided twine is sewed together, row around row, to form the sole of the slipper. When the shoe sole is the desired length and width the twine is turned so as to form the side and so on till the slipper is complete. A cloth binding of a pretty color is sewn around the top and a gay bow made for decoration. A piece of linoleum cut the proper shape and fitted inside gives some stiffness for the bottom of the slipper.

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Three Irrigation Farmers

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Wheat Still His Main Crop

Wheat is still the main irrigation crop with Mr. Oliver, though he is seed-ing down more land each year. Last year his wheat ran 31 bushels an acre. This year he has 240 acres in wheat, and the rest of the farm in mixed pasture, sweet clover, oats and alfalfa. The pasture mixture consists of western rye grass, timothy, brome, orchard grass and alfalfa. It is giving good results. The seeds were mixed with barley to make bulk and sown with an ordinary grain drill. A volunteer crop of wheat also came up, and Mr. Oliver had 365 bushels of wheat and barley off the 10 acres as well as a good catch of the mixture. Pasture, he considers, is very important. It is the limiting factor in stock raising and the free range is gone. The 12 acres of sweet clover is proving to be a very satisfactory pasture for cattle and horses, and next year the mixed pasture may be allowed to come up for hay.

King of Hay Crops

Alfalfa, however, is the standby when it comes to making hay. The first alfalfa on the farm was sown in 1923, and Mr. Oliver was successful in getting a catch before the water was put on. He has had an average of three tons per acre a year with two cuttings and occasionally gets three cuttings. This year with the late, cold spring two cuttings was all he was looking for. In addition to using all the alfalfa he required for feed he has had 100 tons to sell in each of the last two years. It was worth from \$10 to \$12 a ton in the stack. Last year there was some difficulty in curing alfalfa as the weather was very catchy. But the year before, all that was necessary was to cut it one day, rake it up the next, put it into the cock and let it stand for two or three days.

Ensile crops are not grown to any extent by Mr. Oliver. He keeps some dairy cows but they are brought through on alfalfa hay, oat chop and straw.

A splendid barn with a curved roof, as shown in the illustration, makes the place look like a real farm. The row of trees in the background are Russian poplar, grown under irrigation as was explained in a recent issue of *The Guide*.

Believes A Quarter is Enough

T. H. Wright is another of the dry farmers who was there when the irrigation ditches arrived. He has been 21 years in the district, but has been irrigating only for the last three years. Formerly he had a section and a half. His original place has been cut down until now he has three quarter-sections left, but more land will be disposed of,



S. E. Tiffen combines Irrigation with Dry Farming.
One of the developments that can be looked for in the southwest country, is this combination of irrigation and dry farming.

as a man is only allowed to retain a half under the regulations of the irrigation district. He claims to have one of the easiest farms to irrigate on the whole Lethbridge northern project, but plans to eventually cut it down to 160 acres as that, he thinks, is enough irrigated land for one man to handle. Mr. Wright is going in strong for dairying. When I was there he had 12 milking and the cream checks were bringing in \$100 a month. He is in the cow testing association and has an average of about 4.1 per cent. butter-fat. "The dairy cow is going to be the backbone of irrigation farming," he said, "I know that it is the backbone of my farming."

"We always put the water over the whole of our land. Of course this year the Lord has been doing it for us and he has made a good job of it, for I notice that he gets it on all the high spots.

"A lot of new farmers are coming in on this project. They will get along alright if they roll up their sleeves and go to work good and hard. If they don't somebody will have to feed them and I am mighty sure it won't be me."

Still Grows Wheat

Although Mr. Wright is increasing his dairying activities wheat is still the main crop. This year he has 280 acres of it. He has 50 acres of hay, of which eight is timothy and the rest alfalfa. This year he is summerfallowing 95 acres to kill wild oats and get the land levelled. In his opinion sweet clover makes an excellent pasture, though there is a danger of it giving the cream a flavor. He also has some alfalfa under pasture. A 15-acre patch was carrying 12 cows, 28 sheep, a horse and also for a while some young cattle. Alfalfa is the standby for hay.

A year ago he put up a hoop silo, consisting of two ply of 1x6 nailed upright inside the wooden hoops. It is giving good satisfaction. Last year it was partly filled with a miscellaneous mixture of volunteer wheat, wild oats and Russian thistle from a piece of land that he had sown to alfalfa and timothy without a nurse crop. It was filled up with green oats and the mixture seemed to be relished by the cattle just as much as the oats. During the winter he gives his cows two feeds of ensilage and two feeds of chop daily with all the alfalfa they will eat.

The Wright farm is one of the best equipped in the country. It has a Delco light plant and a very complete outfit of farm machinery, including a powerful Oil-Pull. Experiments in growing plums, cherries and apples are under way.

I hope I have been able to pass on to *Guide* readers the impression I gained from my visit to these three irrigated farms. They are more than farms. They are real farm homes. The houses are comfortable, with good gardens and trees around them. They have good barns and the stock looks well fed and contented. There is no apprehension of the crop blowing out or drying up. There is a feeling of security; the men and women in these farm homes face the future with confidence. The reason, given from the depths of their years of experience, is irrigation. A fact that can escape no careful observer is that irrigation is today the sheet anchor of the southwest country.

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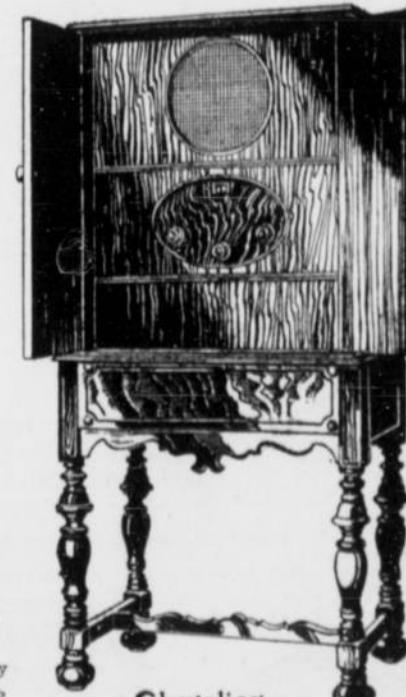
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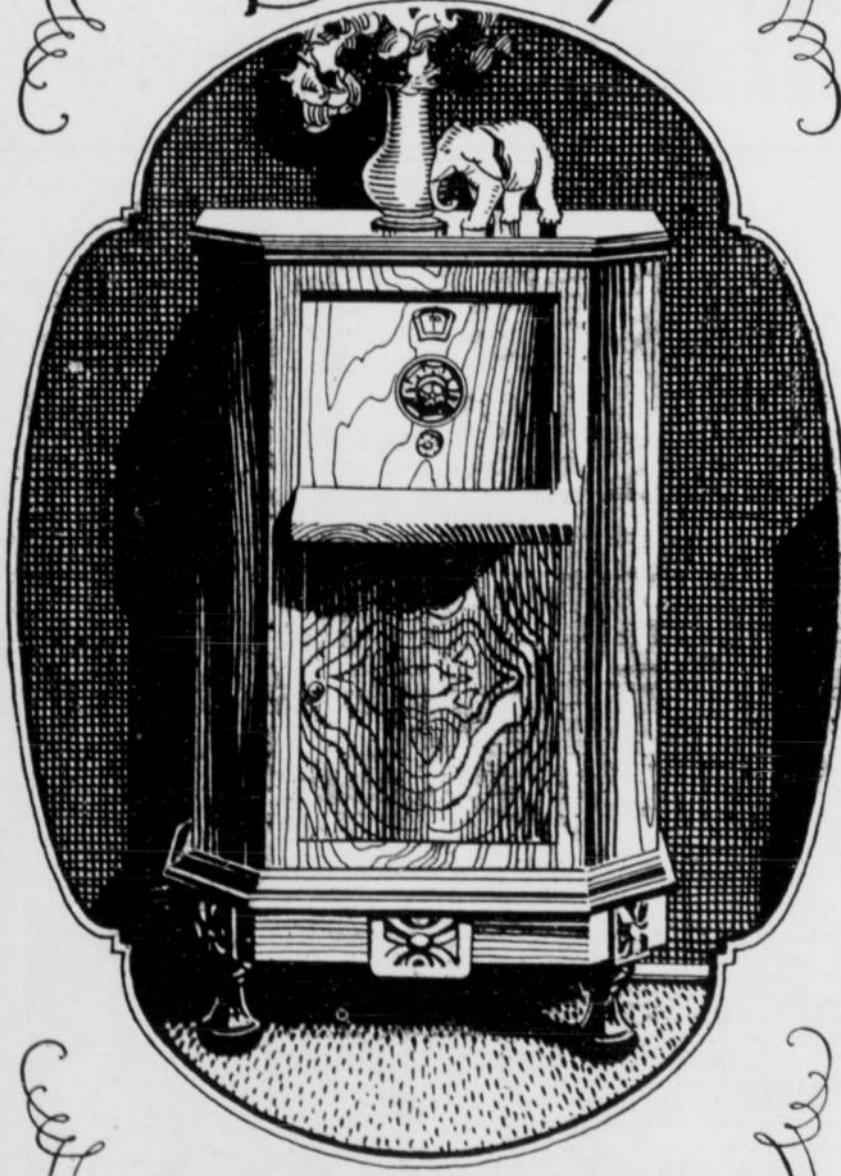
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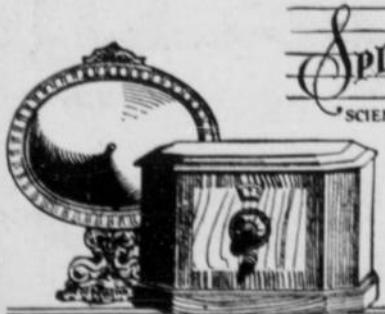
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The Trappist Fathers of Oka

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Mountains, as the Trappist monastery at Oka is officially known, should carry on this tradition. As the Mother House of the six other Trappist monasteries in Canada, and probably the most flourishing monastery of the order in the world, it was to be expected that in time it would conduct the agricultural college for French-speaking Canada. And so, in 1893, twelve years after the first monks had commenced to clear away the bush on their 1,800-acre tract of land, the Quebec government began the payment of an annual grant for the teaching of agriculture. In 1907, when Sir Wm. C. Macdonald, of tobacco fame, was rearing on the other side of the Lake of Two Mountains, the great agricultural college for English-speaking students which was to bear his own name, agricultural teaching at La Trappe took form under the name of the Agricultural Institute of Oka. As Macdonald College became an arm of McGill University, so the school of the Trappists became affiliated with the Catholic University of Montreal.

A Jolly Monk

These and many other things were told me by Father Leonard (pronounced in the manner of the French in three syllables "Le-o-nar") as we waited for his principal, and no more charming host can you ever hope to encounter. There was something about his sturdy frame and vivacious manner that reminded me of the jolly friar who ministered to Robin Hood's men. If you make a clean breast of your heretic ignorance, his eyes dance in a mischievous twinkle. If you tickle his fancy, incontinent gusts of laughter rock him till he clings to his well-filled leathern belt. If he tells you of his aged father, whom he has forsaken for a greater love, a faraway wistfulness lights his eye. I marvelled how a man's sweetness should survive so unimpaired, the stern discipline of the cloister. A whole-souled man this teacher of Oka.

No less a personality is his principal, Father Leopold, but the bar of language does not lie between you and he is not called upon to display the same gracious consideration in conversation that endears Father Leonard. Father Leopold is direct and positive. His story is one of the proud achievements of his order and his school, and the tremendous task yet before them. He leads you from one classroom to another, some of them as well equipped as anything of their kind in Canada, and with just pride he tells you that the Quebec government put up a fair portion of the price of the building. The labor of the monks provided the rest. All the hard laborious work of construction — everything except that calling for skilled journeymen was done by their willing hands.

Raising Farm Efficiency

And then he tells you about the lessons which their thousand-acre farm is teaching to rural Quebec. Co-operative marketing, and farm legislation, and matters of this sort may be all very well for farmers to be concerned in, is his opinion, but the fundamental reason for the unsatisfactory economic position of the farmer of

Quebec is his own inefficiency. The lesson of Oka is that properly tilled fields and orchards, and properly tended herds and flocks will yield a good living to countless Canadian farmers who are now obliged to be satisfied with a bare existence. It takes a lot of courage to talk like that. Its a doctrine that a priest is peculiarly fitted to propagate.

Practice Their Own Faith

"Look at the herds of dairy cattle that one commonly meets," Father Leopold will tell you. "The yearly production per cow on the average farm is in the neighborhood of 3,800 lbs. of milk. The average of the herd at Oka under the care of Brother Isidore is 10,241 lbs. of milk. The extra cost of this three-fold production is almost nothing. Proper feeding, good herd management, and the judicious purchase of good bulls explains the whole story. We have done nothing that the ordinary farmer cannot imitate."

The lesson of the poultry flock runs parallel to that of the cow barn, but in this department Brother Wilfrid, the poultryman, has made a lasting contribution to Canadian agriculture. Oka is the home of the only distinct Canadian breed of fowls, the Chantecler. The breeds crossed to produce it were the Cornish, White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Wyandotte and Plymouth Rock. The purpose was to combine, as far as possible, the table quality of the middle weight breeds with the laying quality of the Leghorn; to produce a white fowl, and to get withal, a breed which was suited to the cold climate of Canada. The first crosses were made in 1908 and by scientific mating and careful selection the breed was ready for presentation to the public in 1918. It was warmly received and finally admitted to the American Standard of perfection. Chantecler societies are being formed all over Canada and the breed is coming rapidly to the front.

Horticulture A Leader

Father Leopold tells the story of the far famed Oka melon with especial pride, because he, himself, is a horticulturist and supervises the production of this crop. The Oka melon was originated by Father Athanase in 1904 from a cross between the Montreal melon and the Tomato melon. Never produced in great quantity, and only known locally, it has commanded first place over all the melons of commerce on the Montreal market. New York places a premium on the Montreal melon so high that practically all of them go over the border, yet when the Montreal melon is retailing for eight cents a pound, the Oka melon brings 16¢ and Father Leopold has contracts from hotels that will absorb all he can grow.

Besides this income provided by the horticultural department there is the 65-acre apple orchard in which experimental work of high importance to Quebec is combined with production for profit. Father Leopold called my attention to the cover crop of alfalfa in the apple orchard. Bare cultivation has been the fashion for many years in Quebec, but the alfalfa crop kills two birds with one stone. This is one of



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the lessons the Institute is trying to impress on its farmer visitors.

For one more product Oka is noted from one end of Canada to another—Trappist cheese. The farmers of Quebec are great producers of cheddar cheese, a staple in world trade. But the monks, believing that a specialty would pay infinitely better than producing the general run of article, readily followed the lead of a visiting French monk who brought to them the secret of Trappist cheese. "And really, after all," Father Leopold will tell you, "there is no longer any secret about it." The early stages in its manufacture are very similar to the production of cheddar, but in the treatment of the cheeses while they are being cured that Oka's product is given its peculiar quality. Every day without fail, every cheese in the store room is painted with salt brine and replaced—a task entailing an enormous amount of work, but all recovered in the price of the superlative article that goes on the market.

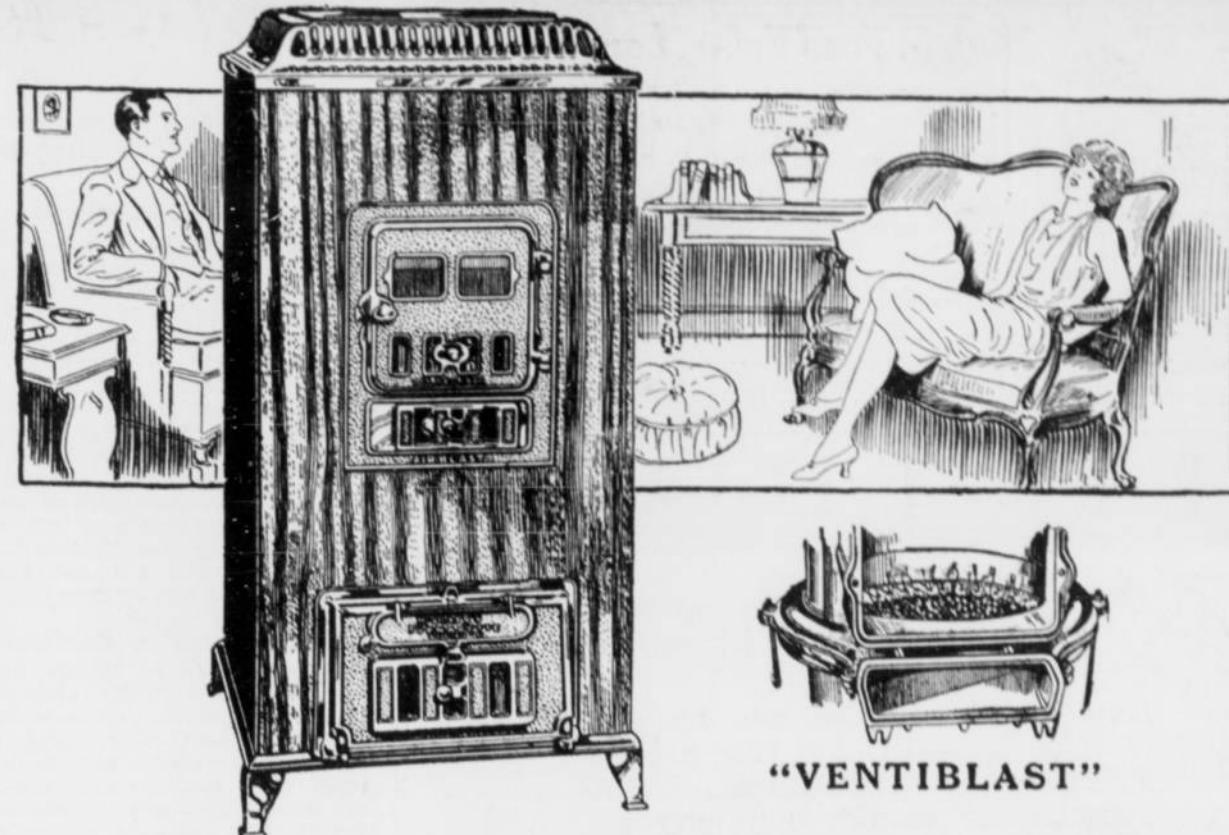
One could write at great length in praises of the Trappists' practical farm skill. There is the apiary, for instance. We in Manitoba have learned from Mr. Floyd, provincial apiarist, that the Trappists in our own province have nothing to learn about beekeeping; that their honey yields are invariably the highest in the province. At Oka, no less, the culture of the honey bee is an important side line.

Skilful Cattle Men

Then too, there are Brother Isidore's fine Ayrshire calves. The present herd bull is Relief Colonist 84560 (23156), bred by John Mackie, Dalfibble, Scotland, a bull with splendid production records behind him, who has passed this characteristic along to his progeny. But the old bull is not the show animal which some of his progeny, under the skilful fitting of the monks, have become.

Their swine I thought hardly the equal of what one would find in the herds of our western agricultural colleges. But then there is some time-honored connection between swine and devils which may not make them so adaptable to life in the atmosphere of La Trappe.

Father Leopold spoke with pride of the boys which pass through his hands. The classes compare very favorably in size with those passing through the colleges at Winnipeg or Edmonton. The Institute at Oka is developing one trouble that all agricultural colleges sooner or later seem to labor under. In order to bring the course within reach of the farm boy the cost is reduced to a minimum. It then becomes attractive to the father of the city lad who has not the right background to profit by the instruction and will be no credit to his alma mater upon graduation. On the other hand Oka is reaching a goodly number of those who will take its teaching back to the farms of their ancestors and the agriculture of the province is unmistakably feeling the stimulus of its leadership.



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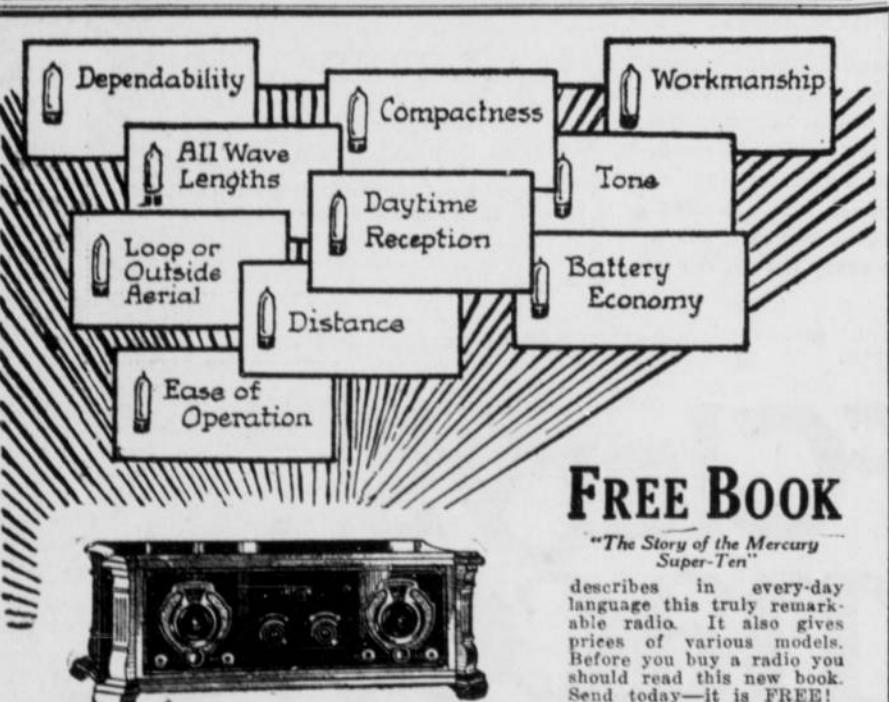
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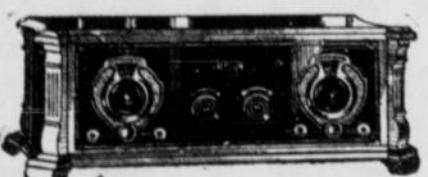
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Moose Jaw Wins Cup

THE Radio Digest silver cup has been won this year by Billy Ward of CJRM. Each year, the well-known American radio magazine holds a contest to decide who is the most popular announcer in the United States. The winner gets a gold cup valued at about \$3,000. A special silver cup is given to the Canadian receiving the greatest number of votes from Digest readers. For the past two years the silver trophy has gone to Winnipeg, but now Billy Ward has brought the distinction to Moose Jaw.

Needless to say, there is rejoicing in the Mill City of Saskatchewan and the mail is bringing stacks of letters congratulating Billy and declaring, what all who know him will readily admit, that the reward is well deserved.

The Washington Conference

Representatives of all the leading nations are gathered at Washington in the International Radio Convention. It is expected that radical changes in radio laws will result from the deliberations of the members and it is hoped that many difficulties in broadcasting as well as in radiotelegraph operation will be straightened out. Canada looks for recognition of her undoubted right to more wave channels, her case being in the able hands of Deputy Minister Johnston of the Marine and Fisheries Department and our good friend "C.P."

It is to be hoped that the conference will not be dominated by that large section of European authority whose governments favor monopoly of broadcasting by the state. Amateur organizations are watching closely for signs of encroachment on their short wave preserves. It will be something of a set-back for radio if either commercial broadcasting or amateur experimenting is unreasonably restricted. One has only to compare the development of radio in the United States with that in European countries to realize that, notwithstanding the temporary tangle through the licensing of stations without regard to their need in any localities or to other essential considerations, the system on this continent is preferable to those in force across the Atlantic. With our ideas of democracy, it is doubtful if Canadians or Americans would endure for any great length of time radio entertainment dispensed exclusively from a government bottle. There are those of us who would soon tire of the medicine, in spite of the paternal assurance that it was good for us. With all its faults, the present system which permits us to select what we like from a variety of stations is better than that. Give governments their place on the dials by all means, but let us have opportunities of listening also to the efforts of private broadcasters.

Why Songs Multiply

One explanation of the great number of popular songs being published these days may be that they spread fast and die young, which in most cases is a blessing. Better music, built to last, is receiving greater appreciation than ever before. Thanks to radio, there is a more widespread knowledge of classical music today than has ever existed previously. Familiarity with poor-grade compositions may breed contempt, but with real music it engenders appreciation and understanding. Good musicians and composers have nothing to fear from radio. It is only the producers of such miserable stuff as has for a long time been getting by who need worry about the future. They cannot foist the old trash on the country any longer, because the rural listener hears the real article and knows the difference.

Cleaning Aerials

A correspondent asks if it would be advisable for him to clean his aerial wire in preparation for the winter season. Beyond seeing that all joints are well soldered, all connections tight and the hoisting halyard in good condition, there is nothing much that need be done to the aerial. The coating of smoky deposit on the wire does not make any appreciable difference to the

That Dollar License

Another reader asks if the dollar license fee paid by Canadians each year for the privilege of operating receiving sets is all spent on clearing interference. The revenue derived by the Dominion Government from this source amounted to something in the neighborhood of one-hundred thousand dollars last year. Manitoba, with only one station and that of 500 watts power, has returned to it fifty cents from every dollar collected. Other provinces, with broadcasting power running in some cases up to thousands of watts and with service from numerous first class stations, do not receive one cent from the Dominion Government towards the support of broadcasting. It may be, of course, that the fifty cents in the one case is by way of compensation but fifty per cent. of the amounts collected from listeners in the other provinces would provide a nice fund for the payment of good stock talent at each broadcasting point. It would certainly seem that fifty-thousand dollars per year would clear up a great deal of interference. What have my Saskatchewan and Alberta readers to say about it?

CKY Going Strong

During a recent visit to Winnipeg I dropped in at the studio of CKY and shook hands with the boys and with Miss Shaw. Mr. Rutland has a promising program prepared for the winter season and the artists are being paid—as they should be. An excellent string trio has been engaged for weekly concerts. Big Bill Duffield still has charge of the transmitting plant. Ed. Dusang assists him and "Gib" Mills sees that the remote control lines are kept free from dialling, cross-talk, and the thousand ills that copper wire is heir to. Lillian Shaw is still the same efficient little lady, performing a dozen different duties with equal facility. Among a number of additions to the program are features by the Hudson's Bay Company retail store and a series of talks on farm lighting. It is likely that negotiations which have been in progress for some years will in the near future result in the Winnipeg station being linked with one of the powerful American chains. There can be no question that the Dominion-wide broadcast on July 1 gave a tremendous fillip to Canadian radio. It marked, in fact, the beginning of a new era of broadcasting achievement in this country, for which great credit is due to the special committee at Ottawa which handled the job.

Features at CJRM

Our latest innovation is a chiming clock which tells listeners the time every fifteen minutes. Programs now open and close with Westminster chimes. Radio checkers were introduced recently at Moose Jaw and seem to have "caught on", judging by the number of requests for copies of the circular explaining the game. Radio dealers are being supplied with a special sheet showing them how to make demonstration checker boards for use in their windows. Several Saskatchewan dealers have already applied for the instructions and reports are coming in from some who have interested crowds watching the games on Wednesday nights. CJRM broadcasts these at 7.45 p.m., Mountain Standard Time. Radio dealers or others wishing to be supplied with particulars should write to me at Moose Jaw. A local creamery will commence on November 1, a series of lunch-hour talks on the care of dairy cattle, etc. Grain market reports are now being broadcast at 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m. and at noon (M.S.T.). Evening programs are broadcast on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, commencing at 6.30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 10.00 p.m. The wave length is 296.6 metres.



Boss of the Circle V

By AGNES LOUISE PROVOST

The Story Thus Far

Virginia Blair had returned to the Sun Valley Ranch—better known as Circle V—to try to discover why the business of the ranch under the shifty foreman, Lawler, was going from bad to worse. Lee Hollister and her father's old side partner, Joey Kirby, were her staunchest friends and stood resolutely against the organized attempt to make Virginia discouraged and sell the place. Her father, Matt Blair, had been found dead with a pistol on the table beside him. Lee, hunting in the drawer of the desk in Blair's office, found a triangular piece of steel which he thought worth preserving. Virginia's aunt, Mrs. Archer, had had plans for a wealthy marriage for her niece with Stanley Bradish. Stanley and Mrs. Archer followed Virginia to the ranch. Stanley's father, Milton Bradish, had offered to buy the ranch. Resenting Virginia's return and Lee's influence with her, he instructed Gideon Marsh, a lawyer to "get something" on Lee. Stanley overhears the conversation and for once in his selfish life finds himself willing to further his father's interests. Stanley and Lee from the time they first met are silent and bitter foes, each recognizing in the other a rival for Virginia's love. Stanley discovers that Josefa Ramirez, a little half-Mexican girl, believes herself in love with Lee Hollister and Stanley plans to make Virginia jealous. On a ride Virginia stops at Lee's cabin, only to find him absent. She finds while there a woman's scarf lying on the floor. Josefa comes to Lee's cabin and attempts to charm him into making love to her, but Lee is indifferent, treating her as a child. Offering to dance for him she threw herself into his arms and clung to him. Lee, turning at that moment, sees two figures on the trail silhouetted against the sunset sky. One of them was Stanley Bradish and the other Virginia.

CHAPTER XVII

LEE HOLLISTER watched Virginia Blair and Stanley Bradish as they disappeared over the top of the ridge. Except for an involuntary loosening of his arms, he had not moved since the instant when he turned—Josefa clinging to his shoulders. The riders had seen him. They believed he had been making love to Josefa.

Stern lines came into his face as he thrust the girl away. There was something watchfully still about Josefa, like a sly little animal. It was evident that she was unwilling to meet his eyes.

"Sit down!" he said briefly. "I want to talk to you."

The girl's dark face crimsoned with anger. Reluctantly, yet somehow forced to obey, she dawdled sulkily back to the flat rock where they had been seated.

"Now you goin' to sold me!" she pouted. "I not do 'nossing. Jus' dance for you. Jus'—"

"Josefa, you saw those people coming!"

"Ah! You are 'shamed of me!'" She flamed into tigerish rage. "You are 'shamed to have zat rich girl see you wiz me—see you kiss me! You not want zote find friends to catch you, hey?!"

In her jealous fury, Josefa did not pause for reason or truth. Lee would not condescend to reply. He looked at her steadily, and before that unmoving regard her defiance collapsed in passionate tears. She flung herself face down on the smooth rock, sobbing in an abandonment of rage and despair.

"I hate her! She bewitch you! She take you away from me!"

There is little that a man may say to the undesired woman who has flung her heart at his feet. Lee looked away from that utter abasement—frowning but uncomfortable. Then he turned his eyes again to the sobbing figure with grim patience; even went over and stood by her. She quieted almost at once and peeped furtively at him.

"So you wanted them to see, Josefa?" he said quietly.

Josefa's eyes shifted again, but came back, defiant.

"I love you," she said sweepingly, and apparently considered it a sufficient answer to all question and all reproof. "I love you zis long time, ever since I am so beeg! And you are kind to me, ze sheep herder's little girl. Now zat girl come, and all time you follow after her, look at her; all time you theenk of her when I talk wiz you; look 'way off wiz your heart, and I am nobody."

Something in his silence gave her courage. She crept close to him, clinging hands on his arm.

"Ah, you don't know, Lee! She not make you happy like I can. So cold and

proud! She not like the things we have here. She jus' want to take you 'way off, where you will be lonely and sad, eating the heart out for zis country. I make you happy, Lee."

She was cajoling again, honey sweet, with soft voice and coaxing hands, but she might as well have tried to cajole a stone. He was gentle enough, but so still that she was frightened. Presently he laid a strong, brown hand on hers.

"I'm sorry, Josefa. It's pretty hard to say. But she's the only girl for me, whether she takes me or not."

Words could scarcely have been simpler, more unflinchingly direct. Stark tragedy stalked in Josefa's eyes, and a leaping flicker of hatred for that other girl. She pulled her hand loose.

"I go home," she said sullenly.

"I am taking you home." He turned with an assumption of cheerfulness he was far from feeling. "Brimstone can carry double."

A new alarm leaped into her face. "You not goin' to tell my father, Lee? You wouldn't do zat?" She clutched at him again, suddenly anxious. "He be mad at me! He beat me! He keel me!"

She had reason to fear. Francisco, vehement in his friendships and primitive direct in his methods, would not hold his hand if he discovered the trick she had played on a man who had befriended him. Lee knew it as well as she.

"You need not be afraid. I shall not tell—anybody."

He had promised, and she was doubly safe. She knew that torments would not drag it from him now, even to justify himself in the eyes of that other girl. Lee would not tell—anybody.

And Virginia! Riding home with Stanley Bradish in the late afternoon, she had readily agreed to Stanley's suggestion that they take the back trail. The back trail ran near Lee's cabin. She had missed Lee. Their bitter words—or hers—over Lawler's dismissal, had left her lonely and a little frightened, but the first step toward reconciliation could not come from her. The memory of a desert girl's gay scarf in Lee's cabin was still like the prick of a poisoned thorn. Nevertheless, as they topped the rise, she looked swiftly, even eagerly, down the long slope.

What she saw from the crest of the ridge was like a stage setting viewed in a long perspective. A little grey cabin in a clearing, looking dwarfed and lonely in the surrounding bigness—yet not so lonely now.

A man stood in front of it, arrow straight except for the slight forward thrust of his head. His clearly modelled profile was turned toward her, as he watched the gay and colorful creature before him—a girl who danced for his pleasure and undoing, as a princess once danced for a Judean king.

Virginia stared also, and a delicate scorn curled her lip. So this was what kept him away? She saw the girl, dark, vivid, provocative, dancing, swaying—now vehement, now lithe and languorous, drifting toward him, darting away, in challenge and deliberate allure. She saw the intently watching man, the last giddy whirl, the man's quick spring, the long, clinging kiss.

Stanley broke in with a drawl of irritating amusement.

"Charming scene, but a bit primitive. Shall we go down and break up the party or be considerate and go on?"

"I am afraid we might intrude."

She shrugged, laughed, and dismissed it as a matter which did not concern her, but the wave of anger surging through her, the drowning sense of disillusionment, swept her startlingly into full self knowledge. She knew now what Lee Hollister had come to mean to her, his quiet strength and air of leashed power, his seeming steadfastness and friendliness, flashing smile, the touch of his brown hands! And how different she had believed him to be from other men she had known!

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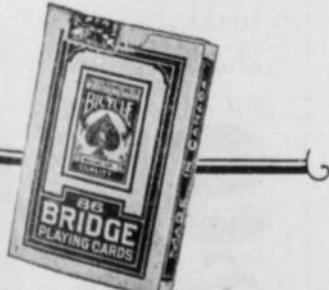
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surged again, scorn of him and of herself. History, evidently, was merely repeating itself, this time with a tawdry creature from a squalid sheep ranch. From her—to this. She rode on, and turned toward Lee Hollister the icy profile that had greeted him as he looked around and saw her.

Stanley was watching her.

"Sorry," he said smoothly. "I've heard rumors of that little menage, but I hadn't paid much attention to them or I should not have brought you this way. I forgot that he was a sort of protege—of your father's."

"Aren't you making it unnecessarily important?" She deliberately refused to see his meaning. "There's not the faintest reason why we should not have come this way. Come, I'll race you across the flat."

The race had its uses. It cut off all further conversation about Lee Hollister and brought them home in record time. Virginia went straight to her room and locked her door.

All spirit and energy had left her as she walked slowly across the room. In the mirror her face looked colorless and tired. She curled a scornful lip at the reflection, tossed hat and gloves impatiently aside and then suddenly dropped on the bed with a smothered sound in her throat.

"Lee!"

One dry sob came, but no more. She lay with her face hidden on her arm, her shining hair tumbled, her fist clenched. Fool! Silly fool. Dawdling here in this place she had never meant to see again, evading her own reasons, lying to herself! . . . Minutes ticked by unheeded.

When she sat up there were tear stains on her cheeks, but the soft line of her lips had hardened. She could punish Lee Hollister, almost as cruelly as he had hurt her. She could close a door and never see him again—or his dingy loves.

She went to her desk, pulled some paper toward her and wrote.

That night Stanley again asked her to marry him. She listened restlessly. How many girls did she know who had danced down disappointment and trampled a heartache for one man by marrying another? Loneliness, lashed pride, the defensive instinct to conceal affront or loss and hold the head high—how many marriages did they account for? Stanley's low voice beat about her in little waves.

"I want to carry you away, dear. I'm jealous of this place. It is taking all your life and spirit. You don't belong here, with cow hands and sheep herders. What kind of an existence is this for you, year after year, when you've known different things? I want to take you back to your own life and your own friends."

It was a shrewd probing of a wound, but not to heal.

"Come, Vee!" His voice was caressing and urgent, with a gay note of adventure. "We'll catch the first train out, and let the cows go hang. We'll be married in Saunders, or New Orleans, or New York, get the governor's blessing and then be off on a glorious honeymoon."

"And then, Stan?" She was looking at him thoughtfully, with an odd twist of lip that had something poignant in it.

"Then?" He brushed her seriousness aside with an easy laugh. "Keep on enjoying life, of course. We'll take another trip, or settle down in Paris, or come back and have a big time with the old crowd—anything we feel like doing. You will, won't you, darling? I'll give you anything on earth that a girl could want. Kiss me! I love you! I'm mad about you!"

She slipped from his suddenly gripping hands with a shiver.

"It's no use, Stan, I thought I could, but I can't. That's a confession, isn't it?"

She stirred in impatient scorn of her own indecision, but the slight upward cadence of her voice had a wistful note, a new thing in Virginia. Stanley, flushing darkly under repulse, caught the new note and watched in sulky speculation as she hurried on.

"It might be all right for a while, just to play around and amuse ourselves, but there's more to it than that. If we married that way we'd come to hate

each other, and I—I don't want to hate my husband, Stan."

Again the wistful note, and a little laugh that mocked it.

"I'll take you on any terms." He pushed aside her protests impatiently. "I'll make you love me! What's the use in worrying our heads over tomorrow or next year? Today is ours to the limit. Let's take it. I'll make you happy. Come!"

She listened with eyes closed, shutting out the sight of a wide, shadowy valley. But at the first urgent touch of his hands she drew away again, with a sharp movement that was almost repulsion.

"It's no use. I can't, Stan."

His face darkened. For a moment all his debonair good looks vanished in sullen, loose-lipped resentment, a swift glimpse of what this pampered youth might be if he willed.

"Well, that's definite." He gave a short laugh. "I suppose there's no use in asking a reason?"

She shook her head slowly. "No, Stan. Love isn't reason. One either does or one doesn't, and that's all there is to it. . . . Come, we're almost quarreling over it. Let's forget it happened, and be friends again."

He recovered himself quickly. "Since I can't have the best, I suppose I must take what is given me." He took her hands and bent over them, kissing the finger tips. There was an air of gallant renunciation about it. It was dramatic, but effective.

"I will give up everything but hope," he said significantly, and with a quick final pressure of her fingers, he was gone.

A few moments later, loitering moodily outside, he had a glimpse of her in the gold-lit rectangle of the open door, a graceful figure in white and a jade green scarf flung over her shoulder, contrasting vividly with the burnished copper of her hair, Virginia, out of reach, had become doubly desirable.

His under lip took on an ugly thrust. So he was thrown over for a flannel-shirted cow hand! Pleasant little thought! Why hadn't he worked something stronger? What was a kiss anyway? Virginia was no village prude. She had probably found plenty of excuses for the brute already, and did not believe the sordid implications.

"The next time I take a turn at that gentleman," he reflected sourly, "I'll run him out of here for good. I'm in this game to the finish."

The next day found Stanley in Saunders. The young paying teller of the First National shot an interested look from the check to the bored looking young man on the other side of the window, and then went back to the vault. What Stanley wanted was not called for every hour of the day.

The young man on a bank clerk's salary watched the son of unlimited wealth go out to his car. He edged over to the note teller, confiding something of interest.

"You might have thought we handled those big plasters in car-load lots," he finished. "I'll say he's a cool bird. Wonder what he wants it for?"

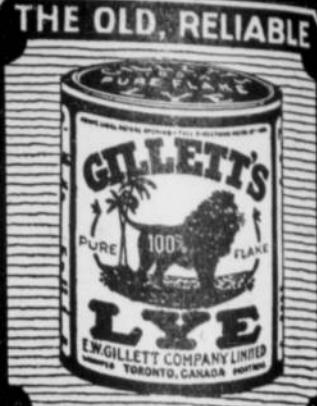
The note teller grunted cynically and turned back to a pile of papers that stood for other men's struggles with debt.

"He's probably going to grease somebody. I've got an idea he's not much good. Anyway, it's none of my business. Run along, now; I've a whale of a lot to do."

CHAPTER XVIII

It was a dry summer. Grazing land was parched; water holes dried up. Streams that drew their life from storm waters were now stone-cluttered beds of dried mud, seamed and cracking in the sun. The creek in its fringe of cottonwoods had dwindled to half its usual size. Already the valley was dotted with cattle, driven in from the drier grazing lands three weeks before the usual time. Everywhere men talked of the danger of fire.

The morning after Stanley's quiet trip to Saunders, Virginia awoke with an acrid smell in her nostrils. It was faint and fugitive, but it was there. She dressed and went outside, to find Stanley already up and out, and Joey Kirby regarding him with frosty hostility.



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"Oh, Joey, isn't there a fire somewhere?"

"Shore they's a fire, Honey, but it's thirty mile north an' it ain't headin' this way." Joey's tone was soothing, but he was plainly concerned. "Pretty bad fire at that," he added. "Lee jes' come in, an' he says its wiped out four or five ranches an' three mile of standin' timber already."

"I suppose he is organizing a fire squad to go up and fight it?"

Stanley's drawled question held a faintly derogatory note, in spite of seeming praise. Joey fixed him with a hard eye.

"Mebbe. Aimin' to join? Because if ye are, Lee's the boy to go to. He's been doin' fire patrol duty 'round here for the past week, eighteen hours a day."

"Oh—is there really that much danger?"

Virginia's anxious question saved Stanley the necessity for reply, but he registered a quiet resolve that when his father owned the Circle V that cross-grained old porcupine of a Joe Kirby would be the first man to go.

"I jes' tol' ye they wasn't any danger," said Joey obstinately. "But with things as dry as they is, an' tenderfoot tourists rampagin' all over in automobiles and buildin' camp fires, an' fools tossin' matches around, ye never can tell what'll happen. . . . No, I can't stay. I had my breakfas' with Lee. I jes' thought I'd come up an' tell ye about the fire, that's all."

He stumped off, grumbling to himself and across to the depths of his loyal soul because Lee wouldn't let him tell Virginia from whom the reassuring message had come.

But Virginia knew. In favor or disgrace, Lee was watching and guarding her, whether she would or not. He had assumed the right to order her affairs, had made love to her and shamed the love she had come to give him, and had gone his way without the faintest attempt at explanation or the outward semblance of contrition. But still he protected her. There was no escaping him. At least, not here.

As the day wore on, the acrid odor was less noticeable, but there was a saffron haze in the air. Mrs. Archer nervously begged Virginia to let Stanley drive them all into Saunders and take the first train east, but Virginia refused.

"You do it if you wish, auntie. I'd rather not leave now."

But Mrs. Archer stayed, wringing her hands despairingly at her niece's inexplicable obstinacy.

Stanley rode several times to a commanding ridge and looked uneasily at a dun-colored bank on the north horizon. It might be thirty miles away, but a high wind could bring it here like a racing monster. Stanley was restless, but shame held him.

Night brought darkness, but little sleep. In spite of present security, the thought of men fighting a wall of fire thirty miles north, brought uneasy visions of wind-driven sparks and new dangers. A little after midnight the smoke odor increased. Virginia endured inactivity for another hour and then slipped out to saddle Black Lightning.

At the corral she turned to find Stanley at her heels.

"The bunk house is empty," he told her. "I saw a couple of men riding off like blazes as I came out. Something's up."

In the pallid starlight his face worked uncertainly, but Virginia was tightening a girth and did not see it.

"How about the car?" he suggested, but she shook her head.

"We may have to go where the car couldn't get through."

Stanley said something under his breath and looked about for the horse he usually rode. He was accustomed to having Lobo saddled for him.

"Hurry!" she said urgently. "Which way did they go?"

He indicated it briefly, and hurried. She barely waited for him to mount, and was off.

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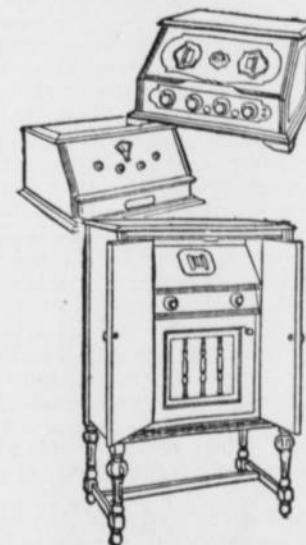
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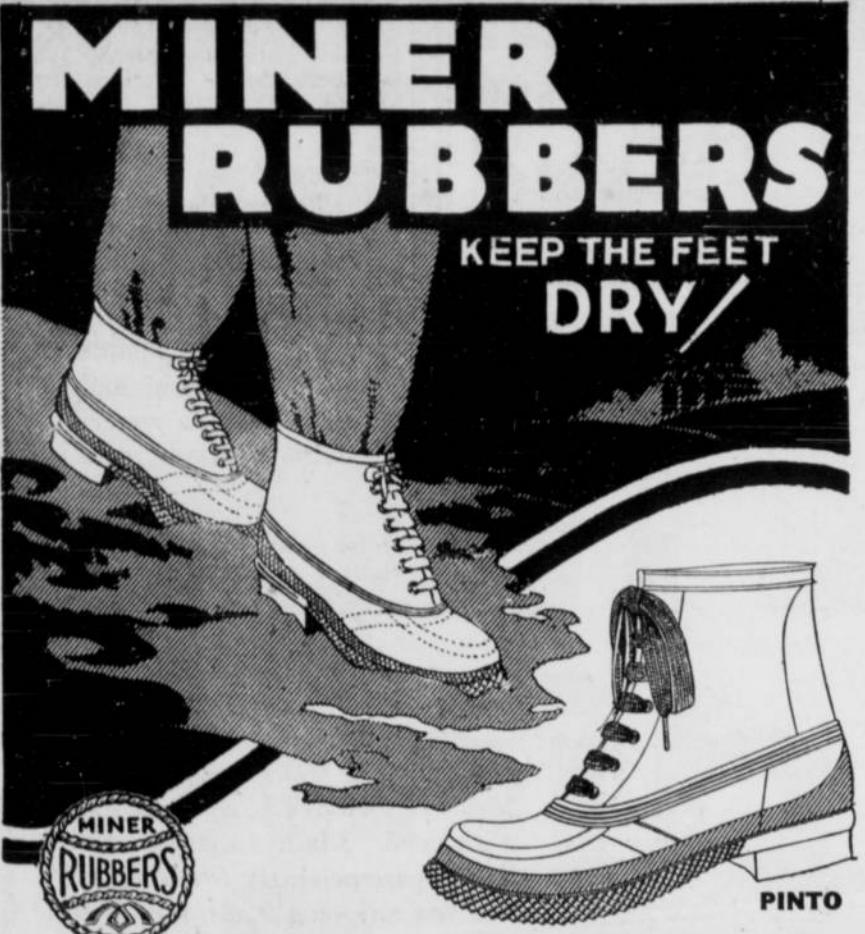
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sparks on their clothing, with bare hands. One of them was taller than the others, lean bodied and wide of shoulder. She could see his strong, fast movements through the smoke. She began to tug at a tough little scrub that might answer to beat with, but could not get it loose. Somebody must help those toiling men. Where was Stanley? Oh, shame! Shame!

None of them paid any attention to her, beyond a hasty glance of appreciation. There was work to be done. If she got in danger they would save her; if she got in the way they would probably send her home. She heard Lee's shout.

"Take it easy, Joey! Here comes the relief crew. Go keep an eye on the horses, will you?"

And then Joey came stumbling down the slope, with uncertain legs and smoke-reddened eyes, glad enough of the tactful reprieve.

"Why Honey! You here?"

"Oh Joey, can they stop it? How did it happen?" She was on her knees beside him as he dropped panting to the ground.

"Them boys? Shore they can stop it!" Joey was trembling with exhaustion and half choked with smoke, but he laughed in a thin, triumphant cackle. "Why Lee musta fought it alone for two hours, before me an' Curley an' Darrell got it in our dumb heads that they was smoke blowin' around."

"But how did it happen?" she persisted. "Does Lee know?"

Joey shook a dubious head. "Kindo looks like it was set, Honey. Lee said he was by here only an hour before he saw it, an' they wasn't a sign of campers or anything. I got an idee he suspicious more'n he lets on, but they ain't no proof—an' it ain't likely we'll ever know. It's lucky he come when he did, or they wouldn't be a square foot of grazin' left on the Circle V."

"Do you suppose that was the reason?" It was a wan little face that she turned toward him. "Does anybody hate me like that?"

"Shucks!" said Joey hastily, "nobody hates you a-tall. Some folks is jes' born cussed. Anyways, if the boys ever lay hands on the tarantula that did it, he'll shore get handled rough. . . . I'd better look after them hawsses. They're liable to bolt."

The nervous horses responded to soothing voice and hand, and after that conversation ceased. Minutes dragged by as the girl and the old man watched anxiously. Virginia had no idea how long it was. She knew that flames were leaping higher and men were working harder; that there was a thud of picks somewhere and the ring of axe blows far ahead, and that Lee's arms rose and fell tirelessly. She began hunting again for a weapon of her own.

"Wait, Honey!"

Joey grasped her arm, pulling her back. Ravel's of smoke trailed chokingly against her face, wavered back, thinned and came on again. This time it was a thick, rolling cloud, hot with the breath of fire. She stumbled away from it.

"Oh Joey, it's the wind!"

A triumphant yell came from the fire line beyond, and her own voice joined unsteadily in Joey's thin cheer. The wind had turned! There were a few moments more of breathless waiting, while men held their ground, wary of fitful gusts. It held.

Smoke rolled back on itself in low clouds, flames were beaten back over ground already burned—and flickered out, one by one. Men straightened tired backs and mopped wet brows, grinning in sudden cheerfulness. Another job was done.

The volunteers returned and piled themselves and their implements into the submissive Ford, shy of thanks and declining Virginia's invitation to everyone to breakfast at the Circle V.

"We'd shore like to," a tall youngster responded with an engaging grin, "but we'll have to mosey back. It's sun-up and there's stock waitin' to be looked after. Much obliged."

That was all. It was only part of a day's work, and another day was beginning.

Dawn streaks were showing, faint pastel shades, deepening into opalescent

The Grain Growers' Guide light, and Lee was coming toward her. He was smoke-streaked and hollow-eyed; his hat had gone long since and his hair was a black mop; his clothes were scorched in a dozen places and one brawny arm was bare to the shoulder where his shirt sleeve had caught fire and had been torn off, leaving a tattered armhole. A ragged tramp of a man, but marked with unruffled composure and carrying heroism and grace with equal lightness.

"No cause for alarm now," he said cheerfully. "A couple of us will hang around and watch it awhile, but it's all right."

"If it is, I am indebted to you. Joey has told me—" She caught the note of formality in her voice, as though she had been thanking a stranger. For her life she could not have helped it.

"Oh, no, it's any man's job to put out a fire. I just happened to be the one who saw it."

His laconic disclaimer of thanks served notice that he saw the gap she had placed between them and had no intention of using her gratitude to bridge it.

"How did you find out about it? Smell smoke, or did somebody arouse the house?"

"I smelled smoke. Mr. Bradish—"

She hesitated, pulled between anger and uncertainty. Where was Stanley, and why had he lagged behind when every man was needed? She saw the cool ironic glint in Lee's eyes, followed by his customary impassivity.

"Right here," drawled a careless voice.

Stanley was coming up back of her, sauntering along with his usual sang froid. His ordinary careful toilet was somewhat rumpled, his silk shirt was open at the throat and was streaked and smudged, and another black streak ran across his chin.

"Oh—Stanley! Where were you?" There was sharp relief in her voice.

"Over there." He indicated the direction with a careless movement of the head. "The confounded horse bolted, or I'd have got here sooner. Warm work! I feel like a cold heaver."

He smiled with engaging frankness and held up both hands, grimy with unaccustomed toil. The gesture was slightly ostentatious. The ironic glimmer had come back to Lee's eyes, but he made no comment. Virginia, laughing, looked from Stanley's grimed palms to Lee's, and laughter died.

"Oh Lee, you are hurt! You're burned!" Angry red streaks burned dully on the hands Lee had not troubled to exhibit. She held one, delicately, for fear her touch would hurt him, and anxiously examined the burns.

"Oh, just a scorch or two. Nothing to worry about."

"But they ought to be dressed! If you will ride back to the house—"

"Thanks, but it isn't necessary, and I think I'd better hang around here for an hour or two. Curley and the boys will have to be off pretty soon. They are only surface burns, and a healthy hide soon heals. You don't know how tough I am."

His reassuring smile gave no hint that the burns were stinging viciously at that very moment. There seemed nothing more to be said. Lee had an air of polite detachment—especially when he looked at Stanley—which was not conducive to conversation, and Joey, for some reason best known to himself, was glowering fiercely his face screwed into the semblance of a puckered brown lemon.

"If there is nothing more to be done here, Vee, we ought to get back. Mrs. Archer will be badly frightened."

The suggestion was sensible and the voice dispassionate, but there was impatience in the way Stanley glanced at the waiting horses.

"Yes, I am coming. And I do thank you for all that you have done." She looked at Lee; at Joey, having a little smothered tantrum of his own. "You've been splendid—all of you."

This time her quick glance included Stanley. It was belated, but a shade the warmer because she had so nearly forgotten that Stanley had done everything he could.

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Joey waited only until they were out of hearing.

"Did ye hear that?" he exploded irritably. "Of all the doggone impudence! Whyn't you say somethin', Lee Hollister, 'stead of standin' there trompin' on my foot till ye dang' near mashed it? Whyn't ye show him up? You seen him—I bet ye did!"

"Oh, what's the use, Joey?" Lee dropped down with a grunt of relief. He had been steadily beating flames for five consecutive hours. It was a tired and unmirthful grin that he turned on Joey. "What's the use in showing him up? It's tattle-tale business, and he's just a pup anyway. If Virginia can't see that for herself—"

He stopped and frowned. The pity of it was that Virginia did not see. Joey was sputtering like an acetylene torch.

"But doggone it, she couldn't see that, could she? Think she's got eyes in her back? Why Lee, I seen him!" Joey's voice rose to a protesting wail. "He come sneakin' though them junipers back there when the fire was 'most over and begun pat-pattin' it, nice and delicate, with a scrub Curley'd throwed away. Way out on the edge, where the smoke hid him, pretty near, takin' doggone good care of hisself, an' rubbin' the smears on his dood shirt when he thought nobody was lookin'. An' you let him get away with it, and tromped all over my feet to keep me still!"

"He said his horse bolted, Joey." The tired grin came back.

"Bolted!" Joey's loyal rage exploded again in a bitter snort. "You ain't got no sense a-tall, Lee Hollister. That hawss useta belong to a ranger, an' he'd go to a fire like a pup after a jack rabbit. Bolted! Most likely Stanley, the pizen little varmint, was hidin' somewhere, savin' his skin an' waitin' to sneak in when the real work was done. An' Honey believin' him! . . . Here, lemme look at them hands! I grabbed some stuff on the run—thought you'd be gettin' yoreself in some doggone mess."

Lee was looking after two disappearing figures, glorified in the radiance of a new day. He drew a deep breath, as if his thoughts had come back from a long distance.

"Joey," he said irrelevantly, "there were tears in her eyes!"

CHAPTER XIX

Stanley Bradish might be a gilded young idler, whose knowledge of finance began and ended with juggling princely debts against the grim patience of a father who had made his own way in the world, but he had plenty of shrewdness. Several things had aroused his curiosity since his arrival at the Circle V Ranch and chief among them were the intrigues of Lawler and Slanty Gano.

More than once he had seen a significant glance pass between Virginia's foreman and Slanty, the ill-favored individual who made a slouching pretense of running the Rancho Ceballos for its absentee owner. Once he had seen them slinking along by separate routes to a furtive meeting. Each had shown a curious, half-sly interest in him, and both held undoubted grudges against Lee Hollister. People with grudges against Lee Hollister interested Stanley. Lawler, relieved by Virginia of his job as foreman of the ranch, had departed abruptly and by night, but Slanty Gano was at the Rancho Ceballos.

The grey car stood idle much of the time. Stanley rode horseback, chiefly through the broken country around the Rancho Ceballos—and by trails through the hills. Usually he rode alone. Virginia of late had seemed much occupied with affairs of her own.

A few days after the fire, he emerged from blazing sunshine into the dim seclusion of a little canyon, and drew an involuntary breath of relief. He had been riding for hours, seeing nothing but rugged country and bunches of cattle, an occasional jack rabbit and a distant, low-lying cloud, doubtless the dust kicked up by the Ramirez sheep. Now he dropped abruptly into this yellow-walled canyon, cut off from all the world. His man stood before him.

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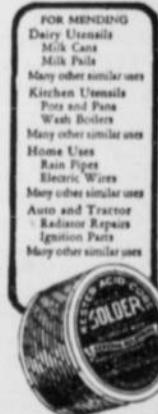
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waterfall, and here Slanty Gano was just rising from a copious draught of crystal clear water.

"How d'you do? Pretty hot out there in the sun."

Stanley joined the hulking figure at the pool and dismounted, cupping both palms under the silver thread and drinking from them. He felt the man's sly regard on him.

"I passed your friend Hollister about a mile back," Stanley volunteered carelessly. "He rides around a good deal. I should think he'd be settling down to a job."

"He's too busy mindin' other people's business," Slanty sneered. Then he grinned knowingly. "Some folks reckon Lee's hangin' around to settle himself for life at the Circle V. Pretty soft job, hey?" The grin was an offensive leer. Cold annoyance showed on the young man's face.

"He may be disappointed," he said curtly. "He is working against Miss Blair's interests to promote his own, and it is time her friends took him in hand. He's giving my father a lot of trouble, too."

"Trouble's his middle name," said Slanty sourly. "He eats it."

"Then why not feed him more of it?" Stanley made the suggestion as pleasantly as if he had been inviting a friend to dine with him. "My father and I will do a lot more for the men who stand by us than he ever will."

The cards were on the table now. The two men, so far apart in every outward circumstance, eyed each other steadily, each weighing the other's possibilities and probing for what the other might know.

"If Hollister gets what he wants, he is going to give you a raw deal," Stanley taunted. "He doesn't like you, Gano, and he influences other people against you. He doesn't like me, nor my father. He wants to get rid of us all and make himself the big dictator around here."

"He's aimin' to do considerable." Slanty had been listening in a curious watchfulness, his only indication of feeling being a slight deepening of his habitual sneer. "He shore is aimin' high. Think he'll work it?"

"He can do enough to spoil other people's plans," said Stanley boldly. "He's pretty fond of setting himself up over men just as good as he is. Old Blair spoiled him. Hollister is ambitious and as proud as the devil, and he has a nasty temper. He is entirely too ambitious, Gano—for a half-breed brat that Blair picked up in some dingy hole and brought home out of charity."

"Picked up!" Slanty broke into a raucous laugh that ceased as abruptly as it had begun. "Picked him up, hey?" He snorted again, as if the idea afforded him huge enjoyment. "I reckon Matt was lookin' for him!"

The instant it was out, secrecy settled like a film over the slanted eyes, as though he regretted he had gone so far. Stanley saw it. He took out his cigarette case to hide his rising excitement, and was aware of covetous eyes on the expensive toy.

"You've been around here a long time," he suggested smoothly. "I fancy you know a good deal about Hollister."

"I reckon I do." The man who hated Lee Hollister was cautiously appraising the son of millions. A calculating shrewdness was in Slanty's face, low cunning and an unctuous mirth. "I shore do," he boasted. "I reckon I know as much about that hombre as any man livin'. I could tell a lot if I wanted to."

"Well, why don't you? If you tell it to the right man, it might be worth while."

Very deliberately, under Slanty's watching eyes, Stanley drew a wallet from his pocket.

Inspiration had come to Stanley. He had sought this meeting to enlist Slanty Gano's aid in a careful plan to have Lee Hollister and Josefa Ramirez disappear from this part of the country on the same night. Josefa would yield to gold and kisses, and there Slanty would not be in his confidence. Hollister, less manageable, would go to sleep in his own cabin and awaken, days later, groggy with "dope" and quarrelsome with resentment, on board a tramp freighter bound for a distant port.

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These, at least, were to be Slanty's instructions. What a vindictive Slanty might do to an unconscious man in his power was an unpleasant detail which Stanley preferred not to consider.

Now the elaborate and perilous plan was thrown aside. Slanty knew something. Stanley's fingers went to the wallet and drew out a crisp hundred dollar bill.

Slanty snorted scornfully, although his eyes clung to it.

"What I know, I know," he said obstinately, "an' I ain't tellin' it now. It may come in useful some day."

Stanley smiled. The hand went back to the wallet and brought out another. This time it was a thousand dollar bill.

Slanty's eyes glistened greedily. He had never seen one of those things, much less owned one, which was exactly what Stanley had counted on. A promise of a thousand or so Slanty might laugh at, but in the actual, alluring presence of cash, greed would defeat itself.

Stanley watched him narrowly. Slanty was covetously moistening his lips with his tongue. Itching fingers stole toward the bill. Slanty leaned forward and whispered, an evil grin showing his discolored teeth.

Stanley did not return directly to the Circle V. He was in high good humor for the first time in days, but the life there was beginning to pall on him, with its wholesome simplicities, its lack of entertainment, and the boring amiability of Mrs. Archer, too obviously anxious to please him. Only his dogged infatuation for Virginia had held him there so long, and Virginia now was restless and moody. Stanley felt that he needed amusement.

At a point where the trail divided, he drew in for a moment. There was a speculative smile on his face. Then he turned his horse sharply and took the trail that led south. It would take him, in time, to that cluttered huddle of adobe, the Ramirez sheep ranch.

He had not seen Josefa since the afternoon when she had danced for Lee Hollister, and he was interested to know just how that little experiment had turned out. Not very happily for Josefa, he imagined. He enjoyed Josefa. She amused and intrigued him, a fiery little devil with pretty pouting lips that any man would want to kiss. Josefa was not prudish about kisses. Stanley liked that kind.

He rode rapidly now, but with a degree of watchfulness as he came nearer to Francisco's cabin. He was not particularly anxious to encounter that swarthy buccaneer. The brute had rather glowered at him the last time they had met.

The country he rode through helped his cautious errand. For most of the way it led through the hills, and then came out on a wide basin. Stanley rode to the edge of shelter and pulled in. Below him was the sheep ranch, mellowed in sunlight; back of him was the deep, sheltered ravine he had just come through. He had met Josefa here several times before.

There was no sign of life about the ranch. Probably Francisco and his sons were off with the sheep, which was just what Stanley was counting on. He dismounted, and whistled a clear, melodious bird call. A moment later he whistled again.

There was movement, quickly stilled, on the slope back of him, but Stanley did not see it. There was other movement, much nearer, and a flash of color as Josefa sat up on the flat rock where she had been curled like a sulky kitten.

"Ah, you are one fine hunter!" she called impudently. "You pass close by right here, and not see me!"

"Oh—hello, little rascal!" He wheeled and caught sight of her, a moment of vexation passing in enjoyment of her pouting beauty. "That's a fine trick to play on me when I haven't had a look at you for days!"

Josefa shrugged a disdainful shoulder. "I been here," she said coldly.

So she was piqued, this little sheep ranch beauty, because he had neglected her! Amusement glimmered in Stanley's smile. He caught her hands.

"Now you are cruel!" he reproached. "How could I come when I thought you didn't want me? I've wanted to come. Josefa. I've missed you. I've

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been lonely. Come, kiss me and make up!" His caressing fingers slipped up to her shoulders. He bent over her with a quick, triumphant laugh.

"Now I've got you—you torment!" He got no further. Josefa's eyes first blazed and then darted beyond him, dilating in terror. He heard her quick gasp that was like a shrill whisper as she tore herself out of his arms; he saw her running in panic fear. Before he could even whirl to meet danger, the crack of a rifle and a sharp sting came almost simultaneously.

He clapped his hand to his shoulder and darted behind a juniper thicket, green-white with fear of the unseen, jerking his head from right to left to see from what point the attack had come. Loveliness and peace were there, save for those hostile reverberations just dying away; the cool depths of the ravine, the empty, rock-strewn hillside, perhaps a vanishing wisp of smoke up there—or was he mistaken? Even Josefa had disappeared.

Waiting cracked his nerves. He dodged out and flung himself on his horse, with a groaning curse for the twinge it gave him and a moment later flying hoofs were carrying him away. No second shot interfered with his going, and fear for his life receded before a helpless, burning rage. A fine time he was going to have—explaining this thing!

From the side of a rock on the hill-side Francisco scornfully watched his flight.

"I sink you not fool 'round my house no more," he said calmly, and went back to his sheep. He had protected the honor of his house, efficiently and in his own way.

Virginia heard the stir outside; heavy steps; indistinguishable voices, with Stanley's at the end: "Easy, now; that's all right." Then slower steps across the veranda, and her aunt's terrified scream.

"Oh Stanley, what has happened? Virginia!"

Fright gripped her, not altogether for Stanley. She ran.

Stanley was just coming in. Blood stained his shirt on the shoulder, blood was crusted on the fingers of one hand, as if he had pressed them against a wound to deaden pain or staunch the flow. He moved slowly, apparently weak from loss of blood. Curley was just back of him, politely ready to serve, but apparently more interested than concerned.

"Stanley! What is the matter?" "Oh, nothing to be frightened at," he smiled pallidly. "Somebody winged me—just a pleasant little attention."

Mrs. Archer moaned, but Virginia was very quiet. She was quite as pale as Stanley now, and her eyes had a burning brightness, but her voice was steady and cool.

"Sit down, here in this big chair. Curley, please help me."

They worked quickly. A call to Ling brought water and iodine and bandages, and Curley's strong fingers made short work of the stained shirt. There was a clean little hole; there were the sticky, crusted stains. Mrs. Archer gasped. She had always been far too sensitive to look at unpleasant things. Curley squinted at the wound judicially, "Whoever plugged ye must have been considerable higher up than you was," he said innocently. "Did ye get a chance at him?"

There was a momentary tightening of lip and nostril, but Stanley met the enquiring eyes coolly.

"I don't go around armed," he said curtly. "And he took good care not to show himself. I was on my way here, just entering the mouth of Turkey Gulch."

Mrs. Archer shot a triumphant glance at her niece; Virginia looked steadily down at the wound she was bathing. Curley's brick red face was as nearly expressionless as a face could be. The mouth of Turkey Gulch was in a direct downward line from Hollister's cabin.

"We should have a doctor, Curley. Will you get him?"

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"I'll go and bring him," suggested Curley obligingly. "How about takin' yore car? The old one pret' near died on me the last time I come back from Saunders."

Stanley winced under the sting of iodine in Curley's liberal hand. "Take anything you want," he said ungraciously, and Curley grinned as he went out of the door.

Mrs. Archer followed him.

CHAPTER XX

"Stanley, how did it happen?"

Virginia's low voiced question came the moment Mrs. Archer had left the room.

"Why, just as I told you, Vee." His moment of calculated hesitation was significant of hidden things. "Somebody took a pot shot at me from a hillside, but I was lucky enough to get off with this. Don't worry about it."

"But you suspect someone!" she persisted. "Who is it?"

"No one that I would care to accuse," he answered evasively. "Suppose we say that I'm not very well liked around here, and let it go at that."

"I can't let it go!" She ignored his light tone, but she could not ignore the implication back of it. "I am sorry it happened. I am terrible sorry. But I am sure that no one here would do such a thing—from personal dislike."

"No one?" he queried ironically.

She flushed. "If you mean Lee Hollister," she said steadily, "he would never fight that way—from ambush."

"Oh, I'm not accusing him." He raised cynical brows that did accuse. "I dare say he is all right. But perhaps some of his adherents are a little too zealous in what they consider his interests."

Again the slurring implication was unmistakable, but too elusive to be repudiated. He reached up with his uninjured arm and took the hand that was just finishing the bandage, bringing her fingers to his lips.

"Don't worry, dear," he said softly. And added, quite truthfully: "If I had been able to hide the thing, you would never have known it had happened."

Out on the veranda Curley took some hastily written messages from Mrs. Archer and started back to the corral with Stanley's waiting horse.

"He's a liar," reflected Curley dispassionately. "I've been plugged myself, and I'll bet two dollars Mex that he carried that cat-scratch from a blame sight further than Turkey Gulch, unless he set there awhile thinkin' it over. Gosh, Lobo, I wish you could talk!"

The doctor came and went, pronouncing Stanley's injury only a flesh wound that might be painful for a few days, but not dangerous. He commended the way it had been dressed and was discreet in the matter of questions. He had known young men to get into trouble before.

Virginia wandered restlessly from room to room. She looked after Stanley's wants attentively, but avoided tête-à-têtes. It was impossible that Stanley's suspicions could be true, and yet they came hauntingly back to her. How many of the men that Lee knew thought it a man's right to take the law into his own hands? Perhaps Lee did also, and to him, Stanley Bradish belonged in the enemy's camp. She remembered Lee's ironic regard of the young man on the night of the fire, when he had been so splendid, and Stanley also had done a man's share. And Lee's friends, the people he admitted to intimacy—the swarming Ramirez family, sheep herders, hot-headed half-bloods! Stanley had called them "too zealous adherents."

It was all maddening and impossible. Only one thing stood out definitely. A guest in her house had been the victim of a cowardly attack from ambush, almost within the limits of her own

land. That could not be passed in silence.

Footsteps on the veranda caught her attention. She went to the door.

"Good evening," said Lee Hollister imperturbably. "I hear Bradish has met with an accident."

"I should scarcely call it that." Virginia chilled instantly under his careless treatment of what had so nearly been a tragedy.

"Stanley Bradish was shot this afternoon, in the back, by some contemptible assassin who hadn't the courage to let himself be seen. He is a guest in my house and a friend, and I shall expect every man connected with the Circle V, or interested in it, to make it his business to find the man who did it."

His steady eyes were on her, unsmiling. "Men don't usually ask women to fight their battles for them," he commented.

"He has asked nothing!" She flamed back at him. "I have a right to give what orders I choose in my own house."

Imperious Virginia! Spoiled princess and petted child! A subtle change came over Lee's regard of her, something ironic and quizzical, almost sad. Then it changed again, back to that baffling, impassive look that so often puzzled her.

"Hope you find your man," he said politely. "Is Bradish in? I'd like to see him. Alone, please!"

There was nothing truculent about the request. He said it pleasantly, even cheerfully, but with a certain definiteness of tone, as if he expected his wishes to be complied with. For one blazing second Virginia held her ground. Then she stepped back, head high, and with a brief gesture indicated the room where Stanley might be found. Every nerve was tingling with the infuriating realization that if she did not obey, brown hands like supple steel would pick her up and neatly set her aside.

Then she was alone, with the memory of a deep, quiet glance and an odd touch on her shoulder, a hand that lingered for a moment, and was gone.

Stanley looked up sharply at the tall figure in the door. He was not anxious to see Lee Hollister. It might be awkward to have to repeat his innuendoes to the owner of that calm eye. But nimble wits had saved Stanley before, and could do it again.

"How d' you do?" he said languidly. "Looking for Miss Blair? She just stepped out."

"No, I'm looking for you." Lee closed the door and came over to where Stanley sat, bandaged and a little pale.

"Well, I'm here—no thanks to the gentleman who tried to put me out of business this afternoon."

"Better forget that part of it." The dispassionate voice cut him short. Lee paused deliberately, to let his meaning sink in.

"That is the reason I'm here," he said evenly. "I hear you are spreading the report that some friend of mine tried to kill you in my interest. You happen to know that it's a lie. In the first place, I wouldn't take the trouble to have you killed. In the second place, I don't hand over dirty work to other people, and in the third place, my friends don't miss."

The curt contempt of it brought a dull red to Stanley's face. "You—" he began angrily, but the cool voice went on.

"If any friend of mine winged you like that, he wasn't trying to commit murder. He was posting a warning, and I advise you to take it. Whatever you were up to when that thing happened, don't do it again."

Without waiting for any reply he turned to go, not by the way he had come, but by another door, which opened directly on the side veranda.

Stanley's fist clenched in the futility of helpless rage. Then insolence came to his aid, sheathed in silken innuendo.

"You seem quite sure of the circumstances," he called softly. "I thought you would be well posted."

From the outer door Lee looked back at him. "Being posted is part of my business here. Better bear that in mind."

He went on out, without a backward glance to see if his shot had told.

From the veranda Virginia saw Lee

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Hollister go, without making any attempt to see her again. She went slowly into the house to meet her aunt. "I thought I heard voices," Mrs. Archer glanced nervously past her niece. "You really ought not to leave that door open, Virginia. You don't know who may be out there—in the dark."

"There is no one out there, auntie. It's perfectly safe." The low voice was eloquent of patience tensed to its utmost limit, but Mrs. Archer was too agitated to notice that. Between genuine fright and her fear that the Bradish favor was lost to her forever, she had worked herself into a frantic state.

"Safe!" she cried hysterically. "How can you say such a thing when Stanley has been nearly murdered? I shall not feel safe for a minute until we get away from here. I have telegraphed to your uncle and Mr. Bradish—"

"Oh, auntie! Without even telling me—or Stanley?"

Mrs. Archer flushed guiltily. She knew that Virginia would not have cared for the rash wording of her messages.

"Why not?" she demanded with injured dignity. "I have a right to send a telegram to my own husband, and as for Stanley's father, of course he should be notified at once. If you did not think of it, I had to. One might almost think that you were trying to shield someone in this dreadful affair!"

She shot an indignant glance at her niece and then broke into hysterical sobs.

"Oh, I can't stand it any longer! I've been worried to death for weeks, ever since that insolent, lawless man came east and persuaded you to come back here. He is at the bottom of all this, I know it! He wants to get control of this property, the only thing you have in the world. And the only way he can do it is through you. He has schemed against the people who are trying to help you, and poisoned your mind against your own family and friends."

"It's true, Virginia! I noticed the change in you the first day I came, and it nearly broke my heart. After all we have done and sacrificed for you, to give you the same position and advantages we should have given our own daughter! We've done it cheerfully, but the expense—the financial anxiety—I've been nearly insane over it. Of course we are willing to share what we have left, but Heaven knows it isn't much. And you just keep on, dropping money into this bottomless pit, to satisfy the greed of that man, instead of taking the wonderful price Mr. Bradish offers you—just out of friendship and sentiment for the place! And now this happens! Oh, what were you thinking of to come here!"

On and on and on. Accusations, pleas, babbling, hysterical reproaches. Virginia stood nearly motionless, leaning against the wall, looking out of the door through which Mrs. Archer expected terror and assassination to come. She closed her eyes.

"You need not worry any more," she said wearily. "I wrote to Mr. Bradish some days ago that I was ready to sell. I shall keep my word."

The answers to Mrs. Archer's telegrams came the next day. The one from her husband was magnificently reassuring. "Coming at once. Whole affair absolute outrage. Will leave nothing undone to apprehend assailant."

Milton Bradish's telegram was equally characteristic. It was addressed to Virginia and contained three words.

"On the way.—Bradish."

In the few days that must elapse before their arrival, life moved quietly at the ranch house. Stanley's wound was not serious, but his shoulder was stiff and painful, and he made the most of his role. Virginia played for him, read to him, and dressed his wound, keeping mind and hands as busy as she could.

They neither rode nor drove in these days. Mrs. Archer was nervously afraid that the jarring might inflame Stanley's wound, and Stanley was equally afraid that his appearance might inflame whatever Ramirez relation or admirer had given him his notice to stay away. He was a graceful invalid, making a jest of his helplessness, but he seemed to need a great deal of attention.

In the bunk house they discussed the situation with extreme candor, but it was Joey who voiced the consensus of Circle V opinion, exploding in sputtering exasperation.

"Sufferin' bobcats!" he wailed. "Of all the fuss over a flea bite! I s'pose if somebody give him a real good slap on the wrist, they'd call it murder. Sorry? Who says I ain't sorry? I'm plumb mortified to death. I didn't know they was such a disgustin' bad shot in the county."

A second telegram announced the hour of Milton Bradish's arrival. Virginia went to meet him, driving Stanley's car, and he greeted her genially in his crisp, confident way.

"How d' you do? Has that boy of mine been making trouble for you up there? I'll take him in hand. By the way, just drive around to Gid Morse's office first, will you? He has something there that we'll both want to see."

She drove him there. Half an hour later, when they left Saunders, Bradish was in an expansively contented frame of mind, joking occasionally, asking keen questions, and alertly picking up familiar points in a landscape he had left behind him twenty-eight years ago.

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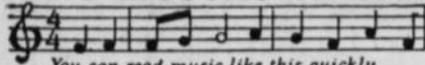
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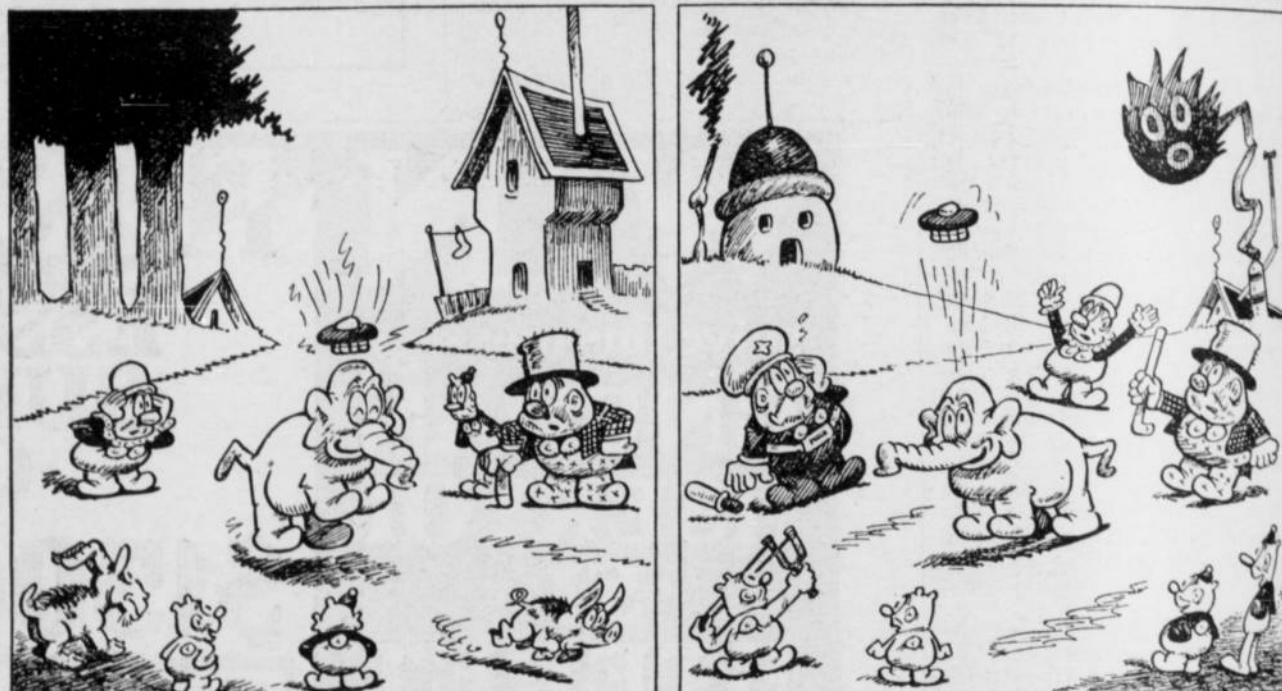
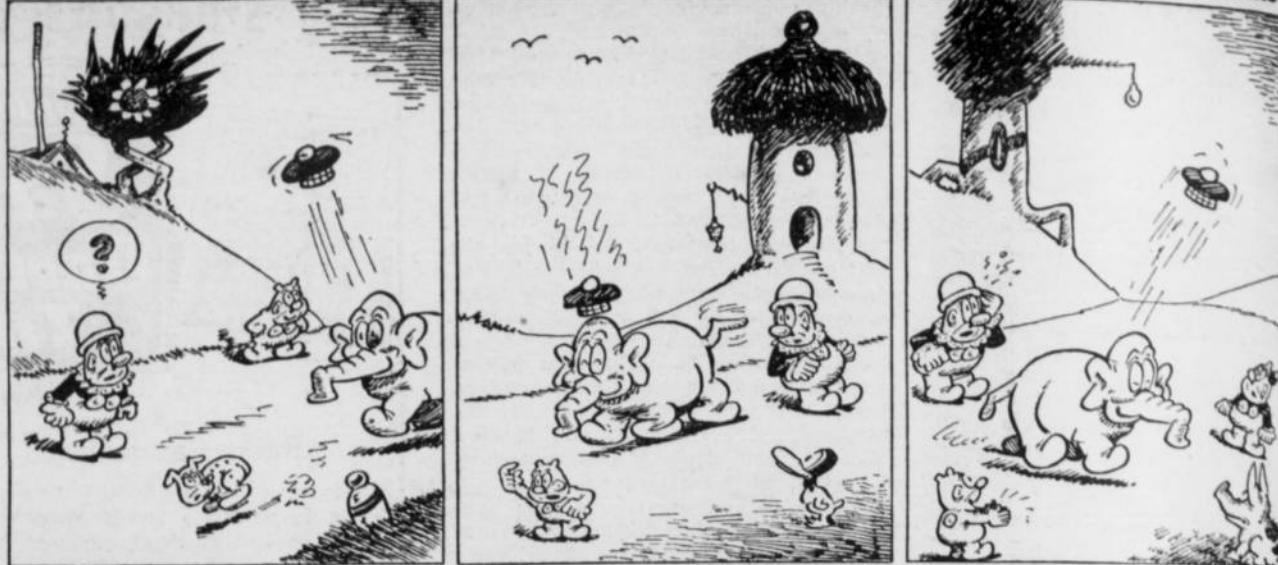
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So he turned and followed Tiny to see if he could find out the reason for that bonnet's strange behaviour.

As they went along a crowd began to gather. Tiny seemed to be enjoying himself immensely. He asked the Doo Dads how they liked his magic bonnet. Even Flannelfeet the cop was bewildered. All that any of them could do was to stare at Tiny and his strangely acting headpiece. Grunty, the pig took to his heels and ran as if he thought a ghost was chasing him. By the time they reached the village Tiny had quite a crowd around him. I

rather think that Tiny enjoyed all the attention he was getting. After keeping the Doo Dads in suspense for a while he finally swept off his bonnet with his trunk in a grand manner. And there perched on his broad brow sat a frog, looking quite pleased with himself! Of course you know now, as do the Doo Dads that that frog was the reason for Tiny's bonnet behaving in such a peculiar manner. I am sure that any boy or girl who reads this page much prefers that Tiny has that frog under his bonnet than it should be under one of theirs.

News from the Organizations

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the Lettonia Farmers' Association. On Saturday, September 17, this organization was holding its first exhibition of garden vegetables and some excellent products were on display. After addressing the meeting for an hour on the work of the U.F.M., Mr. Brown acted as judge of the Fair.

Although considerable discomfort was experienced due to the rough weather on the lake, the U.F.M. secretary feels that the trip was well worth while.

Many and varied are the activities of our U.F.W.M. locals. According to the report of the secretary, Mrs. N. A. Robertson, Silverton local has opened a community hall fund with a contribution of \$60 raised at a lawn social. Plans are under way for a bazaar in December to further augment the fund. Another excellent feature of this local is its community choir which meets for weekly practice.

Mrs. A. Davis of Wingham local reports splendid success in raising special and No. 1 grades of turkeys, and strongly advocates quality in our poultry products. Wingham local is also looking forward to a December bazaar of ladies' handwork.

Manitoba Egg Pool

The third pool period of the Manitoba Co-operative Egg and Poultry Producers ended on September 3. The prices paid for this period were as follows: extras, 35 cents; firsts, 32 cents; seconds, 27 cents; cracks, 18 cents.

The shipping season for the year, divided into three pooling periods, extended from March 28 to September 3. During this time 112 cars of eggs were handled, valued at \$389,000. The season was the most successful in the history of the organization.

For the accommodation of producers who have eggs to ship outside the pooling period, the Winnipeg plant will remain open during the fall and winter. A good volume of eggs is now being handled at this plant, the present advance being on a flat basis of 35 cents per dozen.

The car lot dressed poultry shipping will be conducted this fall as usual. Local annual meetings are now being arranged and will be held toward the end of the month.

Alberta Wheat Pool

There have been a number of changes in the pool staffs in this city recently. George McIvor who, as western sales manager, conducted the western office of the Canadian pool here for several years, has gone to Winnipeg as general sales manager. He is succeeded by O. Z. Buchanan, formerly manager of the pool's Vancouver office, and James Gibson is now in charge at the big coast city. Andrew Cairns, director of the department of education for the Alberta pool, has gone to Winnipeg as statistician with the Canadian pool.

The Alberta wheat crop is a heavy one and the pool organization is all tuned up to handle the pool grain expeditiously. Agreements have been signed with all the elevator companies to handle pool grain. These agreements are much the same as the former ones, except that the tenure is extended from one to three years. The U.G.G. signed first and the private grain companies followed suit after some negotiations.

One striking feature of the sign-up campaign is the number of contracts being signed by residents of the United States who own land in Canada. Many express the opinion that they feel better satisfied when they know they are getting a good average price, and the operations of the wheat pool for the past four years have convinced them that the organization is soundly grounded and working smoothly and in the best interests of the grain producers. Mr. Schoeneman, of San Francisco, who expects to seed 1,800 acres in the Coaldale district, signed to deliver his wheat to the pool. Senator W. J. Reid, of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, who owns several sections in the Makepeace district, also signed a contract with the pool.

The Bow Slope district, which lies to the south of Brooks, is being connected with the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway by a branch line which is now completed. The Alberta Wheat Pool has stepped in and let contracts for two elevators, one at Sauki and one at Rainier, in this territory. Most of the Slope settlers are pool members.

United Fruit Companies

United Fruit Companies, the co-operative which handles apples in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, had an experience this fall which demonstrates the value of co-operation. When the Gravensteins came in, the Co-op. quoted \$4.00 a barrel to the trade and found it quite willing to buy at that price. But just as the crop began to move, telegrams started to pour in to head office saying that the independents in the Valley were quoting at 50 cents a barrel below its price. As the United Fruit Companies does not handle a sufficient percentage of the crop to maintain its price, it had to back down, and many thousands of dollars were lost to growers, both outside and inside the organization.

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ARTHUR had just played "The Rosary." The room rang with applause. Then to the amazement of all my friends, I strode confidently over to the piano and sat down.

"Jack is up to his old tricks," somebody chuckled. The crowd laughed. They were all certain that I couldn't play a single note.

"Can he really play?" I heard a girl whisper to Arthur.

"Heavens no!" Arthur exclaimed. "He never played a note in all his life . . ."

I decided to make the most of the situation. With mock dignity I drew out a silk handkerchief and lightly dusted off the keys. Then I rose and gave the revolving piano stool a quarter of a turn. The crowd laughed merrily.

Then I started to play. Instantly a tense silence fell on the guests. I played the first few bars of Liszt's immortal Liebestraume. I heard gasps of amazement. My friends sat breathless—spellbound!! I played on.

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"Where did you learn?"—"Who was your teacher?"

"I have never even seen my teacher." I replied. "And just a short while ago I couldn't play a note."

"Quit your kidding," I laughed. Arthur, himself an accomplished pianist. "You've been studying for years. I can tell." "I have been studying only a short while," I insisted. "I kept it a secret so that I could surprise you folks."

How I Learned to Play Without a Teacher

Then I told them the whole story.

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Prizes for November Advertisers

In this space in our October 1 issue we announced a contest open to all farmers advertising during October. Three cash prizes of \$8.00, \$7.00 and \$5.00 respectively will be awarded to the farmer advertiser reporting the best results. Any farmer advertising under any heading in the "Farmers' Market Place" during October and November can take part. October advertisers must report their results not later than November 20. The winners will be announced in the December 15 issue. Don't fail to report your results from lack of confidence. You may win the first prize.

Similar prizes are also offered to November advertisers, so send your "Little Guide Ads." in right away. Ads. appearing in either or both the November 1 and 15 issues may compete. Turkey breeders here's your opportunity! For full particulars concerning the cost of advertising see top of this page.

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Hither and Yon**Not Afraid of Capital**

Premier Taschereau of Quebec is not afraid of American capital coming into his province to develop its natural resources. In a recent speech he said that his province had 12,000,000 horse-power of hydro electric of which 10,000,000 horse-power remains to be developed. Proceeding, he stated:

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Maritime Optimism

A new note of optimism is heard in the maritimes. In Nova Scotia coal production is up 30 per cent; tourist traffic for the year increased 100 per cent.; savings accounts in the last three years have expanded by \$15,000,000; 94 new companies were formed in the first seven months of the year and 12 gold mining companies are in active operation. Demand for farm products have increased and a healthy expansion in the production of eggs, butter and hogs is noted.

The fishing business of the Atlantic provinces is being investigated by a government commission and the hope is expressed that Canadian fish will play a greater part in the imports of \$50,000,000 worth of fish made annually by Great Britain. Dalhousie University is establishing a faculty of fisheries. Dr. G. C. Creelman, engaged by the C.P.R. to investigate farming conditions in New Brunswick, made many suggestions for the improvement of agriculture in that province. What with lower freight rates and increased subsidies granted on the recommendation of the Duncan Commission and the healthy condition of agriculture and industry, there are substantial reasons for the growing optimism that prevails.

Barnyard Golf

The good old game of pitching horseshoes is experiencing a revival in recent years. At some of the fairs in Western Canada contests have been held and notable talent has been discovered. In Eastern Canada also greater interest is now being taken in the ancient game and now arrangements have been made to find out which is the championship team of Canada. The contest will take place at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, on the evenings of November 21 to 24, and equipment and standard shoes will be provided. The champion carries with it a gold medal and silver medals will be awarded to the runners-up.

Official rules call for a forty-foot pitch, and shoes 7½ inches long, 7 inches wide and 2½ pounds in weight. No toe or heel calk shall project more than ½ inch and the opening between the heel calks shall not exceed 3½ inches, inside measurement. Only those shoes landing within six inches of the stake will score, and each ringer will count three points provided that it is not counterbalanced by an opponent's ringer.

The Conservative Convention

The Conservative convention is just getting under way as this issue of The Guide goes to press. Delegates and their friends from every corner of the Dominion are present at the historic meeting and tax the capacity of the big Amphitheatre rink, the largest assembly place in Winnipeg. The Guide is represented at the press table and the next issue will contain an article giving its impressions of the event.

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SCREENINGS

Mother: "Well, dear, did you have a lot of attention paid to you at the party?"

Elsie: "Some, mama. Two little boys made faces at me."

Motorists riding near a farm orchard stopped the car, got out, climbed the fence, and gathered a bag of apples.

To complete the "joke" they slowed down as they went by the farmhouse and called out to the owner: "We helped ourselves to your apples. Thought we'd tell you."

"Oh, that's all right," the farmer called back. "I helped myself to your tools while you were in the orchard."

"Your friend talks a great deal, doesn't she?"

"Yes, I think she must have been vaccinated with a phonograph needle."

"Have you any alarm clocks?" enquired a customer. "What I want is one that will arouse father without waking the whole family."

"I don't know of any such alarm clock as that, madam," said the man behind the counter. "We keep just the ordinary kind that will wake the whole family without disturbing father."

Little Bobbie—"Mother, have I been a good boy lately?"

Mother—"Yes, dear, a very good boy."

Bobbie—"And do you trust me, mother?"

Mother—"Why, of course, mother trusts you, son."

Bobbie—"Then why do you go on hiding the jam?"

Old Sailor—"Yes, mum, that's a man o' war."

Lady—"How interesting! And what is that little one just in front?"

Sailor—"Oh, that's just a tug."

Lady—"Oh, yes, of course, tug of war. I've heard of them."

Two bachelor girls of somewhat advanced years were discussing the approaching holidays.

"Sister Molly," said the younger, "would a long stocking hold all you wish for Christmas?"

"No, Elvira," said the older girl, "but a pair of socks would."

A farmer had an Irish lad in his employ, says the Tatler, and, hearing that the previous day he had been attacked by a bull, the farmer went to find him.

"Hello, Pat," he said, "I heard you had an encounter with a bull yesterday. Who came off best?"

Pat scratched his head and grinned, "Sure, your honor," he said, "it was a toss up."

A lady was entertaining the small son of a friend.

"Are you sure you can eat your own meat, Tommy?"

"Oh, yes, thanks," replied the child politely. "I've often had it as tough as this at home."

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